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Israel to launch spy satellite

NEW YORK, Aug. 22, (Reuters): Israel is on the verge of launching a spy satellite into low earth orbit after secretly test-firing a medium-range missile into the Mediterranean Sea last May, the magazine reported yesterday.

Citing unnamed intelligence sources, the weekly news magazine said the Israeli cabinet had only to set a launch date to complete the eighth country now to possess a rocket powerful enough to lift a satellite into orbit.

"With its own orbiting electronic eye constantly monitoring Arab states, Israel would gain a distinct advantage in any military confrontation with its neighbours," Time said. Israel would no longer depend solely on US satellite intelligence.

Argue

The Shavit rocket was built jointly by the Israeli missile-maker Rafael and Israeli Aircraft Industries, maker of the A-4 jet fighter.

Some Israeli defence officials argue for early deployment of the satellite because of the Iran-Iraq ceasefire and new missile purchases by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, Time said.

But other military officials believe an early launch would escalate the regional arms race and pressure Moscow to provide Arab countries with their own satellites.

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Rains hamper Indian and Nepalese relief efforts

Death toll in devastating earthquake reaches 1,200

KATHMANDU, Aug. 22, (Agencies): The death toll from the most devastating earthquake to strike the India-Nepal border in more than half a century passed 900 today, according to government officials.

But ministry sources and unofficial reports said at least 1,200 people died in the tremor.

Minister of State for Home Affairs Niranjan Thapa told a Kathmandu press conference 450 Nepalese were known to have died in yesterday's earthquake that measured a powerful 6.7 on the open-ended Richter Scale. Thapa said, almost one-third of the Himalayan kingdom suffered extensive damage.

"There may be many more," he said.

Supplies

Home Ministry sources, however, put the present death toll at 550.

"Offers of foreign aid would be most welcome," he added, without giving details of what help was needed in the impoverished mountain kingdom where communications, transport and

health facilities are poor.

In Kathmandu, the British embassy announced the United Kingdom would fly in a six-member medical team with about 700 pounds (300 kg) of medical supplies to assist the Nepalese government. And the US embassy announced an emergency grant of \$25,000 to assist Nepal in its rescue operation.

In the north Indian state of Bihar, officials said at least 450 people died and towns near the frontier epicentre were devastated.

As in Kathmandu, the officials said the toll would rise as rescue workers, hampered by monsoon rains that have lashed the region for nearly two months, dug beneath the rubble.

The Bihar officials said unofficial reports reaching Patna, the state capital, suggested at least 650 people were killed.

Sir Bahadur Shahi, Secretary of the Home Affairs Ministry, said 50,000 to 60,000 houses were destroyed in Dharan.

"Ninety per cent of the remaining houses are cracked," Shahi said, adding that most of the damage was to "the very modern houses built of stone and older houses made from mud and



bricks. Wooden houses were not affected."

Indian television broadcast film footage today of the devastation in eastern Bihar, the hardest-hit Indian state. It showed crumbled buildings, makeshift morgues lined with rows of bodies wrapped in white shrouds and damaged hospital wards packed with the wounded.

Indian state-run television

said 10,000 houses collapsed in northern Bihar state. Hospitals and other official buildings also were damaged.

The Press Trust of India reported from Patna, that many residents had moved their belongings into the streets, apparently frightened that another quake would bring down their damaged houses.

Both governments ordered an all-out rescue operation, calling in the Army and Air Force helicopters to help.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi ordered a team of surgeons to Bihar, then went to Patna for talks with state leaders before flying to the devastated region by helicopter.

Damage

The Indian Army deployed to help in relief efforts, and the Navy and Air Force were put on alert for possible assistance, the government said.

The government planned to release a preliminary report after Rajiv returned to the capital on Monday night.

Both houses of Parliament in New Delhi observed two minutes of silence in homage to the victims of the worst earthquake to

hit the border region since 1934, when 11,000 people died.

Mild tremors were felt as far west as the Indian capital New Delhi but most damage came in a 500-mile (800 km) belt from the historic city of Bhaktapur, near the Nepalese capital in the Kathmandu valley, to the Bangladesh port of Chittagong.

The quake killed seven people in Bhaktapur and damaged ancient houses with intricately carved woodwork for which the city is famous. The worst devastation was in the Himalayan foothills of southeastern Nepal and the Bihar plain below them.

Thapa said at least 130 people were killed in Sunsari and more than 70 in Dhankuta, close to Dharan. No injuries were reported in Dharan.

Highest

In Bihar, 11 towns were badly hit. The highest total of deaths in one town reported by this evening was 100 but mounds of rubble remained to be searched, officials said.

Hundreds of injured people swarmed to overcrowded Bihar hospitals which witnesses said were having difficulty coping with the influx.



Many people in Dhaka, Bangladesh, spent Sunday night on streets after rumours spread that another tremor was due soon. (Reuters wirephoto)

Hissing, rattling, cracking ... and cries of terrified people

DARBHANGA, India, Aug. 22, (AP): A hissing noise, rattling doors and cracking windows gave the only warnings of a violent tremor that roused people from their slumber yesterday morning in this Himalayan city.

People ran screaming into the streets, and cries of those buried under the crumbling debris soon filled the air, witnesses said. A power outage added to the confusion.

A minute later, the ground was still.

Torn electricity and telephone cables were strewn along streets. Power supply was cut to prevent electrocution, but doctors at the city hospital were slowed by the lack of power.

Officials said the quake, which

rocked nine Indian states and devastated parts of Nepal, killed more than 100 residents in this town of about 800,000.

At least 25,000 houses collapsed in Darbhanga and a few other towns through predominantly agrarian Bihar, government-owned television reported late yesterday.

The wards at Darbhanga Medical College Hospital quickly filled as people began streaming in before dawn. Cracks were visible in the hospital walls.

Many had head injuries and broken bones from falling rubble.

Medical teams quickly examined those with minor injuries and released them, but

many just laid on the hospital floor, relieved to have survived the worst earthquake to hit the Himalayan region since 1950.

Travelling from the airport to the hospital, a reporter for Press Trust of India said he saw scores of people guarding the few belongings they saved from their damaged homes.

An old Muslim school looked like a demolition squad had been through. Seventeen youths were killed when the roof caved in.

In another neighbourhood, a two-storey house collapsed, killing five members of Sitaram Sharma's family. Witnesses told PTI that two of the victims rushed out onto the balcony when the quake started and were killed when the roof caved in.

Pakistan denies rumours of military takeover

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 22, (Agencies): A caretaker cabinet today agreed to continue the policies of late President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq as the government denied widespread rumours of a military takeover.

Ismael Patel, spokesman at the Ministry of Information, said: "We are hearing the rumours but there is no basis to them."

Meanwhile, US Army Gen. Cloyd Pfister led a group of Americans to the site of the plane explosion and crash that killed Zia, US Ambassador Arnold Raphel and 28 others last Wednesday.

Findings

American and Pakistani crash experts were sifting the debris to determine what caused Zia's personal C-130 transport plane to explode shortly after takeoff near the Indian border.

Acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan, the former Senate

chairman who became government head under the constitution, had said he is convinced the crash was an act of sabotage and that the probe was trying to determine the details.

Ishaq Khan, 73, held his second cabinet meeting today, but there were no findings yet from the US-Pakistani investigating team, Patel said.

"They discussed the continuation of Islamisation but there was nothing definitive on the crash," Patel said.

He was referring to the process set in motion by Zia to make the Quranic code of justice the law of the land.

Although there was no official statement, Patel said the cabinet decided to continue Zia's policies, including support of the Muslim insurgents fighting the Soviet-backed communist government in Afghanistan.

Several officials and Pakistani

newspapers reported hearing rumours of imposition of martial law and the arrest of Ishaq Khan or of Army Chief-of-Staff Gen. Aslam Baig.

Patel and other officials said nothing was afoot.

Quiet

"I think people are making these stories because it is so quiet," said a government official on condition of anonymity.

There have been no reports of unrest since Zia's death. Ishaq Khan said a state of emergency was in effect but that he had not found it necessary to invoke martial law or abridge civil rights.

Administrative and police sources said today investigators would send "suspect objects and splinters" from Zia's C-130 Hercules for urgent examination in the United States to try to solve

Benazir confident of victory

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22, (KUNA): Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, said yesterday that her party will win the November elections if the process is "fair."

Speaking from Karachi, the 35-year-old Benazir told the NBC television Today Show: "I am absolutely confident that the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) will get a victory in the forthcoming elections, if they're fair and party-based."

She and other opposition leaders have expressed concern that changes to the constitution under President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, killed in a plane crash last week, might prevent a field of candidates to run.

Some analysts have suggested the Pakistani military — still loyal to the fallen strongman — might intervene to bar a "party-based" election.

Asserted

But, Benazir, the daughter of Prime Minister Zulfikar Bhutto, who was hanged by Zia in 1979, asserted that was unlikely.

Reiterating comments made in earlier interviews, she said, "It was a big surprise and a welcome one that the Army chose to extricate itself from the political field and to fully endorse the constitutional process."

Asked whether her party was strong enough to win in November, Benazir referred to the number of people PPP rallies have attracted.

"Nobody has held a rally one

Dealers undercutting to survive in a free market

Licensed exchange companies facing tough competition

By Fathima Ahmed

LICENSED exchange companies in Kuwait are fighting a rough battle to survive in a highly volatile market flooded with several, small unlicensed firms, who are operating illegally in the free-market economy.

Cut-throat competition and undercutting are rife among dealers in their fight for survival in a free, unregulated market.

Supervision

"There is no distinction between a licensed and an unlicensed dealer," said one dealer. While the registered dealers follow Central Bank rules governing exchange companies, the

unlicensed firms "play the market along with us, taking our business by offering lower rates of exchange."

"Even registered companies are undercutting," claims one dealer.

Article 9 of a 1984 Ministry of Finance ordinance, which places exchange companies under Central Bank supervision, states that "(an) exchange company may not practise (exchange money or do) business prior to its registration."

About 79 dealers applied for registration in 1984. Of these, only 48 were registered with the Central Bank. Between 1984 and 1988, 12 licenses were cancelled.

Today, of the total of 74, 36 companies are licensed (registered with the Central Bank) and conform, in principle, to the 1984 ordinance.

"Something must be done to weed out the unlicensed operators," says one dealer, warning of serious consequences.

The Central Bank in the last four years, withdrew the licences of 12 companies, five in 1986, three in 1987 and four in 1988 for varying reasons such as bankruptcy and breaking Central Bank rules.

As a cushion against stiff competition from unregistered companies, which buy and sell at a

Illegal money-changers arrested

By Lima Al Khalefawi

SEVERAL unregistered brokers were arrested on Sunday in the Joharat Al Khaleej area in the city after a government crackdown on illegal dealings in Iraqi and Iranian currencies.

Police also confiscated large amounts of Iraqi, Iranian, Lebanese and Kuwaiti currencies.

The arrests came after the government issued a warning against dealing illegally in the currencies.

After the crackdown, the market experienced a lull. Money changers said police

patrolled the Joharat Al Khaleej Area, where a large number of the exchange companies are located, on Sunday and yesterday to stop illegal transactions.

On Sunday, the Iraqi dinar sold for 310 fils. Yesterday it was selling at 300 fils.

Warning

One thousand Iranian riyals sold for KD 9 on Sunday, and yesterday the rate was KD 8.500.

Farhad Abdul Rahman, a money changer in Mubarakiya, said that after the government warning the market experienced a 75 per cent drop in the amount of transactions.

He said people involved in the

speculative dealing stand to lose in the coming months due to the fluctuations in exchange rates. The government made a wise decision when they warned people about another Manakh crisis, he added.

The increase in the value of the currencies was due to the increased demand in the market, but their value did not increase in international markets.

Another money changer, Hussein Ali, said people were surprised by the government warning.

More economic activity in Iran and Iraq will encourage dealers to streamline their transactions, he said.

Moscow denies complicity

MOSCOW, Aug. 22, (AP): A Soviet commentator today rejected suggestions that the Kremlin or its Afghan allies were responsible for the plane crash that killed Pakistan's President and said the United States was indirectly to blame.

Yuri Glukhov wrote in the Communist Party daily Pravda that President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq had created dangerous conditions in his country with the

help of the United States.

"It was he who let the genie of terrorism out of the bottle," Glukhov wrote. "On Pakistani territory are dozens of bases where inveterate terrorist-cultists train. They are flung out in Afghanistan. But what does it mean to turn a country into a focus of terrorism? It means to expose it to an epidemic of terror."

Pakistan hosts training camps

for rebels fighting the Soviet-backed government of neighbouring Afghanistan. The United States also backs the rebels, and Glukhov alluded to this in alleging US blame for the death of Zia.

"There are grounds to believe that the USA played a fatal role in Zia's fate. It is the USA that prevented Pakistan from getting out of a chronic crisis and achieving stability," Glukhov wrote.

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INTERNATIONAL

Demonstrators demand multi-party democracy

Protests erupt again in Burma

BANGKOK, Aug 22, (Reuters): Protests erupted in Rangoon, Mandalay and other Burmese cities today in a renewed popular uprising to bring down the 26-year-old socialist government.

Diplomats and residents in Rangoon, contacted by telephone from Bangkok, said troops were deployed around possible flash points in the city centre but did not intervene.

They said there were persistent but unconfirmed reports of some shots being fired in the western part of the city with some injuries. "But reliable information, like many commodities in the country, is scarce," one diplomat said.

Exaggeration

He said there were also reports that soldiers fired on a column of demonstrators leaving the northern city of Mandalay, trying to join the rallies in the capital, 375 miles (600 km) to the south, but there were no confirmed reports of injuries.

"There have been huge demonstrations in Mandalay,

into six figures and that's no exaggeration," a diplomat said.

There were also reports of general strikes near Mandalay in the towns of Monywa and Sagaing, in Taunggyi, to the south of the former royal capital, and Moulmein, east of Rangoon.

The diplomats said monks, students and actors drew roars of applause and cheers with fiery speeches to 20,000 people massed at the Rangoon General Hospital, while soldiers cradling automatic rifles sat on the pavement and listened.

The hospital has become a rallying point for resistance and protest since the Army dispersed marches two weeks ago by firing into the crowd.

Soldiers were posted around the red brick building, a legacy of British colonial rule, allowing access only in one direction away from other demonstrations in the city centre.

Burma has been torn since March by waves of social and political turmoil that have driven two socialist leaders from office

and now threaten a third, diplomats said.

They said former Justice Minister Maung Maung, who took over the chairmanship of the ruling Burma Socialist Programme Party on Friday, appealing for breathing space to rebuild the shattered economy, did not appear to be taking control.

"The government doesn't look like anything, right now. There have been no appeals, no news, just silence. What they will do tomorrow is very, very uncertain," one said.

The demonstrators, showing little fear for the troops or respect for imposed martial law, carried flags, raised their fists and chanted for a multi-party democracy and the release of political prisoners.

Obvious

Lawyers dressed in court robes and doctors in white hospital uniforms took part in a day-long demonstration in a street near the US embassy and dispersed peacefully, diplomats said.

They said this obvious show of

support from the professional classes added a new dimension to the demonstrations which two weeks ago were led by students, workers and Buddhist monks.

The protesters called for a referendum on a multi-party democracy. This key demand of the opposition has already been rejected by Maung Maung, who urged people to get back to work to create conditions for reforming the centralised economy.

Abuse

Travellers arriving in Bangkok from Rangoon said the demonstrators outside the US embassy were well organised.

"There were stewards making sure it was orderly and telling people not to abuse the security forces," said Philippe Advani, an engineer from Paris.

"People told us the Army had been told not to intervene in the demonstrations," he said.

As with the violent protests across the city between Aug 8 and 12, travellers said there were reports of considerable unrest from the Rangoon suburbs.



Striking coal miners sit around their picket line in Jastzeble as labour unrest spreads in Poland. (Reuters wirephoto)

Thief returns stolen Munch painting

OSLO, Aug 22, (Reuters): One of the most famous paintings by Norwegian artist Edvard Munch, which was stolen from an Oslo museum in February, has been handed over undamaged by a young man suspected of the theft, police said today.

"This man just brought the vampire to the police station," police spokesman Odd Mathisrud said.

He said the 21-year-old man, who has not been named, was arrested on suspicion of stealing the painting, valued at around \$6 million, and of a jewel theft worth more than half a million dollars. Mathisrud declined all further comment.

The vampire shows a woman bending over to kiss a man on the neck, her face obscured by her long, red hair. Painted in 1893 and 1894, it is one of three by Munch with the same title.

Munch, born in 1863, had a profound influence on European expressionist painters in the early years of this century. His paintings are often concerned with death, sexuality and mental and physical illness. He died in 1944.

Gdansk shipyard workers join strike

GDANSK, Poland, Aug 22, (Reuters): Several hundred workers went on strike today in the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk, the birthplace of Solidarity, as labour unrest over legislation of the banned trade union spread.

Riot police sealed off the shipyard in the northern city just after the strike began.

Port workers told reporters, two of the five sections of the Gdansk port had gone on strike and work had stopped at the city's separate northern port.

A strike committee spokeswoman said a strike also began today at the Stalowa Wola steel mill that employs about 18,000 workers some 200 km south of Warsaw.

She said by telephone from inside the plant that up to 2,000 workers were on strike.

The report could not immediately be officially confirmed.

Transport and port workers were already on strike in the city, about 400 km northwest of Warsaw.

Unrest

Western diplomats in Warsaw said the unrest, which has also hit 10 coal mines in the south, was the worst since nationwide stoppages which severely disrupted Poland in 1980.

The diplomats said fewer peo-

ple were on strike than during a wave of unrest in April and May, which was triggered by sharp price increases, but the latest strikes were more widespread and seemed more serious.

A strike leader told reporters outside the Lenin shipyard that several hundred workers had gathered there after a strike committee gathered them in the morning.

Reporters saw workers marching through the shipyard with Solidarity banners and chanting "there is no freedom without Solidarity." The strikers manned all the shipyard's gates.

They were greeted enthusiastically by supporters outside the shipyard. Some supporters kissed the strikers through one of the iron gates.

Riot police sealed off the shipyard, which employs about 12,000 men, and removed several dozen onlookers.

Strikers said Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, who works as an electrician at the shipyard, was inside with them. The reports could not be confirmed as Walesa had not been seen or contacted by reporters in Gdansk.

Alojzy Szablewski, head of the Lenin shipyard strike committee, said: "The situation in the whole shipyard is under the control of the strikers."

Indian pushes ahead with record bid

LONDON, Aug 22, (Reuters): A millionaire Indian businessman attempting to break the record for a microlight aircraft flight from Britain to India headed for southern Italy today after stopping to mend a broken exhaust pipe, organisers said.

Organisers said Vijay Singhania, 49, who took off from outside London on Thursday, was trying to reach Bombay in 23 days to beat the record of 34 days for the 6,000-mile (9,600 km) flight set by British journalist Brian Milton in January.

On the latest leg Singhania was flying to Brindisi, where he was to pick up an escorting aeroplane to accompany his 21-foot (seven-metre) microlight across the Mediterranean to Greece.

He spent yesterday resting in northeastern Italy while his mechanic welded the microlight's fractured exhaust pipe.

Soviets renew offer to pull out ships

MOSCOW, Aug 22, (AP): The Soviet Union today renewed its offer to withdraw its warships from the Gulf and said it was willing to take other steps to make sure the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq lasts and that tensions are reduced.

The Communist Party daily Pravda published a government statement saying the ship withdrawal was contingent on other governments removing their warships from the waterway.

"In light of the new situation, there is no reason whatsoever for justifying the stay of the military fleets of governments not on the coast in the Gulf," the statement said. "The Soviet Union is prepared to withdraw its ships without delay, if other states not belonging to that region act likewise."

The Kremlin made similar offers last summer, but Western countries did not agree to withdraw their ships. Moscow sug-

gested that a United Nations-sponsored force replace foreign navies in the Gulf for protecting oil shipments.

In Washington, a White House official said yesterday that the United States was not prepared to withdraw all of its naval forces from the Gulf despite the ceasefire in eight years of fighting between Iran and Iraq.

The official, who asked not to be identified, was responding to questions about the Soviet government statement.

"The United States has had forces in the Gulf since 1949. We will certainly continue to have some forces there," the White House official said, repeating recent comments by US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci.

Kremlin officials have said no more than six Soviet ships ply the Gulf, but US Navy officials put the figure at nine or 10, including destroyers.

West Bank city under curfew

RAMALLAH, West Bank, Aug 22, (Agencies): Israeli troops shot and wounded nine Palestinians today during a general strike in the occupied territories and clamped a curfew on 120,000 residents around Nablus, the largest Arab city in the West Bank.

The Army imposed the curfew, confining residents to their homes, after troops shot and killed a Palestinian at Askar camp in the Nablus area overnight.

Troops wounded three Palestinians in separate clashes at Tulikarm refugee camp, Zawiyeh village and Kalkiya in the West Bank, hospital officials and security sources said.

Palestinians said a Jewish

civilian shot a 16-year-old after youths stoned a bus outside Nur Shams camp near Tulikarm.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, troops shot and lightly wounded five Palestinians during clashes with stone-throwers in Jabalya, Beit Hanoun and Sha'it refugee camps, a spokesman at Gaza's Shifa hospital said.

Palestinians said Ahmed Mohamed Sharmouhi, 22, whose death hospital officials attributed to wounds in the chest and back, had been shot without provocation by plain-clothed Israelis who came to the camp to make arrests.

The Army, which said it was investigating the cause of the shooting, imposed the curfew to

prevent protests after the incident and during a strike called by underground leaders of the uprising in the occupied territories.

Tulkarm and Al Amri camps in the West Bank and Al Bureij camp in Gaza were also under curfew, the Army said.

At least 263 Palestinians and four Israelis have died in the eight-month-old uprising.

In Jerusalem and Ramallah, Palestinians observed a full strike. Traffic was very light, shops were shuttered and few Palestinians went to work in Israel.

Leaders of the uprising have urged Palestinians not to pay Israeli taxes.

Pakistan denies rumours of military takeover

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the riddle of Wednesday's disaster.

Authorities who believe the crash that killed the 64-year-old President was sabotage, have interrogated more than 700 people, including military personnel, the sources said.

More than 80 are still being held, including airport security staff and cargo handlers. It is not known if any of those still being held are from the armed forces.

Flight path

Investigators have flown C-130 from the eastern town of Bahawalpur on the flight path taken by Zia's plane before it crashed seven minutes into its journey.

The sources said the aim was to piece together a minute-by-minute reconstruction of the flight. The investigators' plane circled the crash site repeatedly.

Zia had flown unannounced to Bahawalpur with Army generals and Ambassador Arnold Raphael to see a demonstration of the US Abrams M-1 tank, which Washington wants Pakistan to buy.

Leaked

Some interrogations had centred on whether news of the private visit had leaked and if so who was responsible.

Investigators have visited Karachi, the eastern towns of Multan, Mirpur-Mathelo and Bahawalpur, the central city of Lahore, Peshawar in the northwest and Quetta in the west to conduct the questioning, the sources said.

One theory investigators are pursuing is that a bomb was concealed among 20 crates of mangoes placed aboard the plane at Bahawalpur.

Zia's son, Ejaz-ul-Haq, said today the family had no plans to play a political role after the death of his father.

Ejaz also told a news conference his father, had shrugged off threats to his life because of his strong Islamic faith.

"We have nothing to do with politics," said Ejaz, 36, a Bank of America official based in Bahrain.

Palestinian leader held up

TUNIS, Aug 22, (Reuters): Yasser Arafat, a member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) executive committee, has been held up in Damascus for several days and his office in Tunis has had no news of him.

Abed Rabbo, who represents the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) on the committee, was unable to leave the Syrian capital at the end of last week to attend a committee meeting in Tunis. PLO sources told Reuters.

Benazir confident

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tenth the size of a PPP rally," she claimed.

In another interview with the Washington Post Benazir declined to rule out sabotage, which it is widely speculated caused the plane crash in which Zia died. And she expressed confidence that since the US was helping investigate, "We're sure it's not going to be covered up."

She did not explain why she felt this was so.

OBITUARY

The body of

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Gurkha group signs accord to end separation demand

NEW DELHI, Aug 22, (UPI): A militant Gurkha group signed an agreement today to end two years of violent agitation that left at least 300 people dead in the lush hilly region of northeastern West Bengal state, an official said.

Krishna Rao, the Home Ministry spokesman said the agreement requires members of the militant Gurkha National Liberation Front, known by its acronym GNLF, to drop its demand for a separate state, end agitation, surrender arms and cooperate with the state government.

In return, the pact provides for limited autonomy to Darjeeling hill areas, 1,180 km east of New Delhi.

Signing
The GNLF began agitating in 1986 for "Gurkhaland" to be carved out of Darjeeling hill areas of West Bengal and parts of neighbouring Assam state, where Nepali-speaking Gurkhas are predominant.

A tentative agreement was reached July 25 to end the insurgency but a formal agreement was held up by minor legal differences.

"Those differences have now been sorted out," said another Indian official in New Delhi.

GNLF's leader Subhash Ghis-

ing, Home Secretary C.G. Somaia and West Bengal's Chief Secretary R.N. Sengupta signed the agreement at a ceremony held in Calcutta's imposing Rajbhavan building.

The Press Trust of India news agency quoted Union Home Minister Buta Singh as saying, "Darjeeling has seen a lot of unrest, violence and killing, but they are now a matter of the past."

Chising said the identity problem of the Gurkhas had now been solved, PTI reported.

The peace accord marked the fifth regional peace settlement negotiated by the central government since Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi came to power in 1984.

Rajiv has reached similar agreements for Punjab, Assam, Mizoram and Tripura. Analysts say barring Punjab, the accords have succeeded in ending years of violence.

Autonomy
The latest agreement meets GNLF demands for some autonomy by setting up a "Darjeeling Gurkha hill council" that will have administrative control over three subdivisions of Darjeeling district, Rao said.

The state government will submit legislation Aug 29 to set up the hill council, the official said.

Hopes rise for return of Marcos

MANILA, Aug 22, (AP): President Corason Aquino's chief aide declared today the government was stable enough to permit Ferdinand Marcos to return.

Presidential executive secretary Catalino Macaraig told reporters the government was confident it could handle any threats that might emerge if Marcos came home from exile in Hawaii.

"I think the President is confident that the government can cope with whatever events might be triggered by the return of Marcos," Macaraig said.

Mrs Aquino had ruled out Marcos coming home from Hawaii, where he fled after the 1986 uprising that toppled his administration and propelled her to the presidency.

But the possibility of a Marcos return surfaced last week when an anti-graft court ruled that the ousted president had the right to be present during a deposition of a former cabinet minister set for November.

Former Public Works Secretary Baltazar Aquino, who is not related to President Aquino, is to testify about alleged irregularities in contracts to Japanese firms under the Marcos administration.

Macaraig, who is a lawyer, said in Honolulu he would seek to



Macaraig: return to Manila and conduct his own defence.

Macaraig said the government still opposed Marcos' return but that it would bow to the courts if they ruled unequivocally that his presence was necessary in legal proceedings.

The executive secretary said Swiss authorities in particular were adamant that Marcos be accorded due process. Marcos is believed to have stashed millions in secret Swiss bank accounts, and Swiss officials have been reluctant to lift secrecy laws unless the former President's rights are protected.

In a speech on Sunday, Mrs Aquino promised to remain in office until her term expires in 1992 because she had a covenant with Filipino people and "a contract with God."

Mrs Aquino did not refer directly to the Aug 13 demand by Vice-President Salvador Laurel that she step down and call new presidential elections.

Army gunships fire at fleeing refugees

5,000 tribesmen die in Burundi massacre

NAIROBI, Aug 22, (Agencies): The Burundi government told diplomats today some 5,000 people died in bloody tribal clashes last week in the impoverished Central African nation.

"According to first estimates by rescue teams the loss of lives was approximately 5,000," Burundi's Foreign Minister Cyprien Mbonimpa told diplomats today in the country's capital of Bujumbura.

A diplomat contacted by telephone from Nairobi said the minister assured foreign envoys the situation had largely returned to normal after four days of clashes in the north of the country that started on Aug 14.

The minister said there was however still sporadic resistance on the part of the rebels.

Mbonimpa said the government was convinced the clashes "were the work of a small group of Burundi refugees living abroad whose objective was to provoke the government."

But refugees said Burundi's armed forces, bringing 20th century weaponry to an ancient feud, have used helicopters to gun down peasants fleeing from tribal massacres.

Tribal slaughter has been going on for more than a week in

Burundi's northern districts, pitting the Tutsi, who dominate the Central African state's politics and Army, against the Hutu, who are 85 per cent of the population.

The killing has sent 35,000 people, mainly Hutu, fleeing north into neighbouring Rwanda with horrifying tales of Army reprisals against many thousands of defenceless peasants in one of Africa's most densely-populated lands.

Code Cisse, representative of Rwanda of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), toured the border area at the weekend and told reporters last night:

"We cannot talk about a civil war because only one side is armed. It has become a massacre by the Burundian Army."

Among a mass of 7,000 refugees streaming away from the border in Rwanda's Kibayi district this weekend was Antoine Kavakure, a middle-aged farmer from Marangara district in Burundi's Ngozi province, and one of his six children. He does not know what has happened to his wife and five other children.

Kavakure said when the Army summoned the people of his dis-

trict to a meeting on Wednesday he stayed away but watched from a safe distance while a large crowd of Hutu gathered at the local government headquarters.

"The soldiers opened fire on the crowd," he said. "Helicopters pursued and gunned down people who tried to escape."

Rwandan Army officers at the border have also reported seeing helicopters flying over the killing fields in adjoining areas of Burundi and refugees report both helicopters and armoured personnel carriers being used in the massacres.

According to The Military Balance, an annual handbook published in London by the International Institute of Strategic Studies, Burundi's 7,300-man Army possesses five French-made helicopters - two Gazelles and three Alouettes - and 29 armoured personnel carriers.

The Tutsi, a cattle-herding people, have lorded over Hutu farmers in the fertile, well-watered lands at the northern end of Lake Tanganyika since pre-colonial times. Rwanda has a similar tribal make-up but the Rwandan Hutu overthrew Tutsi domination at the end of Belgium's colonial rule.

Last Emperor opens in Beijing

BEIJING, Aug 22, (AP): "The Last Emperor" opened in Beijing yesterday to sell-out crowds, but reaction among the all-Chinese audience to the Oscar-winning movie was less than enthusiastic.

The historical drama of the life of China's last emperor, Henry Pu Yi, will officially premiere Sept 27 in Beijing. Italian director Bernardo Bertolucci, the film's two producers, and John Lone, who played Pu Yi, will be invited.

Two Beijing theaters, the capital and Huadu, yesterday began showing a 10-day special run of the movie to capacity crowds.

The Chinese audiences, usually noisy during movies, were relatively quiet for most of the film.

Scenes of zealous red guard marching counter-revolutionaries through the streets during the ultra-leftist 1966-76 cultural revolution prompted a loud buzz and some laughter to pass through the theater. Some joined in with the singing and chanting.

The epic also captured Oscars in the categories of best director, actor, actress, photography, costumes, music, art design and editing.

Draft to be offered to Shamir

Palestinian state plan unveiled

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 22, (AP): An American professor who wrote the original draft of a Palestinian "declaration of independence" appeared on Israeli Television yesterday and said he wanted to present his ideas to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Jerome Segal, of the University of Maryland, is in Israel to participate in a symposium on the document. The document has been dubbed the "Faisal Hussein Document" because Israeli security agents found it in the files of Hussein, a Palestinian leader jailed without trial last month.

Segal said he authored the original version of the document, and published it in the East Jerusalem newspaper, Al Quds.

"It offers Israel what it has always wanted: Security, democracy and a Jewish state," Segal said.

The original draft of the

document calls for establishing a Palestinian state within the boundaries of the United Nations partition plan of 1947. But those boundaries include much of pre-1967 Israel, that is why document created provoked anger and fear in Israel.

Opening
But Segal said the partition boundaries are only an "opening position for negotiations."

"This is the Middle East," he said. "The 1943 boundaries are just an opening position."

Segal said he has discussed his plan with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and with US administration officials, and hoped to present it to hard-line Prime Minister Shamir.

"I'm told Shamir will refuse to talk to me. I hope he'll reconsider," Segal said.

Although Segal claims to have written the original draft of the document, several versions emerged after it was studied and modified by Palestinians in the

territories. One version, for example, called for declaring a state only in the occupied territories, leaving pre-1967 Israel intact.

Idea
The general idea, however, is that the Palestinians would declare a state unilaterally and governing themselves.

Israeli officials dismissed the document when it was made public earlier this month, saying it was "not serious."

But Segal said Palestinians, including Arafat, have given serious thought to the plan. He said Arafat opposes elements that call for the PLO to abandon terrorism, and to "unilaterally declare they're at peace with Israel and say they're ready to be a demilitarised state."

Segal urged Israel to think ahead and formulate a response to the Palestinians' declaration of a state, which he predicted would be the next step of their liberation movement.

Seoul expels American activists

SEOUL, Aug 22, (UPI): Two American political activists were arrested and ordered deported after they joined radical students at a rally denouncing US military troops in South Korea, a US embassy official said on Monday.

Sue Bailey and Charles Scheiner were ordered deported last night after spending about 32 hours in police custody, the embassy said.

US Embassy spokesman Jack Sears said the activists were at Kimpo International Airport today arranging to leave.

Bailey and Scheiner made high-profile appearances at an Aug 15 rally of anti-government students where they denounced the presence of 43,000 US troops in South Korea.

Witnesses said 10 to 20 plainclothes police detained them on Saturday and held them incommunicado until they were taken to the airport.

Bailey and Scheiner apparently went on hunger strike while in detention, according to witnesses who spoke to them as they were being taken to the airport.

"It seems that the South Korean government is still not a democracy."

Korean talks fail to make headway

PANMUNJOM, Aug 22, (Reuters): North and South Korea failed once again today to make headway in arranging full political talks on reunifying the divided peninsula.

The two five-man parliamentary delegations held a third round of preliminary talks which lasted nearly 2 1/2 hours, but it was unclear when and if the contacts would resume.

The South had proposed a separate meeting just between the two chief delegates, but the North did not respond.

"We don't know whether the North broke off the talks or will come to the table again," a South Korean spokesman said.

Earlier, North Korea rejected a South Korean offer for special talks in the Northern capital Pyongyang to settle a dispute over next month's Olympic Games.

"The North Korean delegate made it clear they will oppose the southern proposal to convene the talks in Pyongyang next week, a South Korean spokesman told reporters. The North has demanded, under threat of boycotting next month's Seoul Olympics, the right to co-host the event."

"They maintain the present contacts are not solely aimed at discussing the Olympics but also at other tension-reducing measures including a declaration of non-aggression," he said.

South Korea's chief delegate Park Jun-Kyu argued that, with the Games opening on Sept 17, the Olympic dispute should be dealt with first, as a matter of urgency.

The International Olympic Committee and South Korea have refused to let North Korea co-host the Olympics because the Games are awarded to a single city.

Park had proposed on Saturday that Olympic talks be held in Pyongyang on Aug 29. The first meeting of the two sides in three years, held last Friday, revealed vast differences in working out details for proposed full political talks on lowering tensions on the divided peninsula.

The two sides today refused to budge from their original demands.

Under the North Korean suggestion, a full meeting should comprise more than 1,000 delegates - both full parliaments plus 100 representatives from various walks of life.

Kandhar likely to fall soon

Rebels capture key Afghan base

ISLAMABAD, Aug 22, (Reuters): Afghan rebels have captured an important Army base near the southern city of Kandhar after a three-month battle, rebel sources in Pakistan said.

The rebels took the Baba Wali base in the Arghandab mountains eight km north of the city on Saturday morning, capturing six tanks and nearly 300 light and heavy guns, they said.

The sources said the rebel victory had brought the fall of Kandhar closer.

The Western-backed rebels are now in shelling distance of the corps headquarters in the former capital - the biggest city in southern Afghanistan.

Soviet forces pulled out of Kandhar earlier this month as part of their nine-month withdr-

awal from Afghanistan due to be completed in February.

Kabul Radio said yesterday that 40 guerrillas were killed and a rebel arms dump destroyed in a clash in Kandhar province but gave no other details.

The rebel sources said fighting over Baba Wali had been going on for three months. During that time 185 guerrillas had been killed and 300 injured.

Lucky star
Afghanistan said today Muslim guerrillas had lost their lucky star with President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq's death and they had reason to be worried.

"It is not accidental that the (guerrilla) leaders in Peshawar are much worried, as if Zia-ul-Haq has taken the stars of their luck..." the official Afghan news

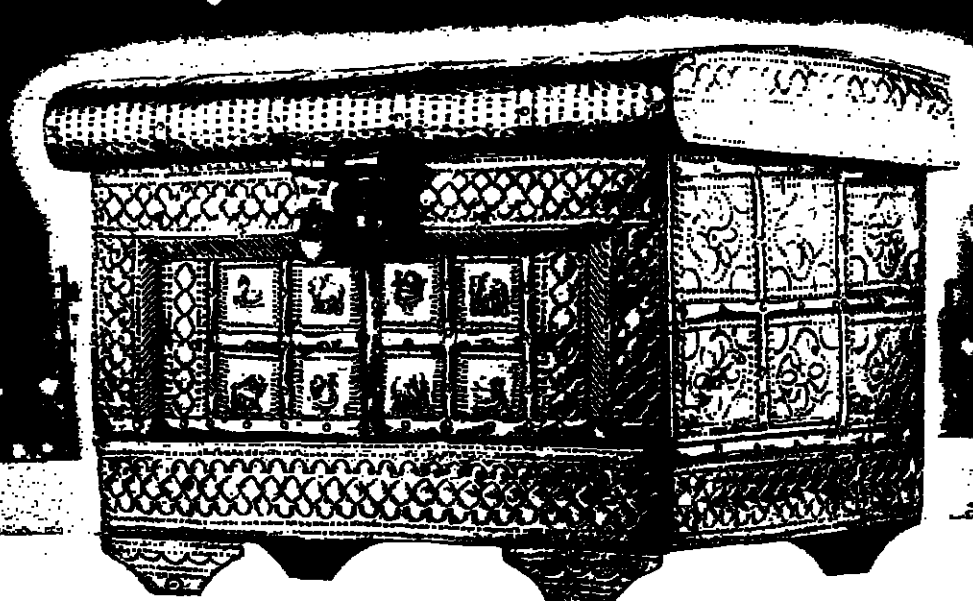
agency, Bakhtar, said in a commentary received in Islamabad.

The agency said the guerrillas based in the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar, who had been enthusiastically supported by Zia, could not expect the same level of material and moral backing from the new leaders in Islamabad.

Bakhtar said with Zia gone "it is clear that Pakistan does not want to interfere in the internal affairs of Afghanistan and impose a government of its liking in Kabul."

Acting Pakistani President Ghulam Ishaq Khan hinted at a news conference on Saturday his government might be ready to exert pressure on the guerrillas to end their fight against the Kabul government and form a broad-based administration.

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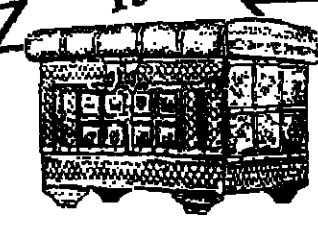
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'It's just quiet on both sides'

UN observers stretched thin

QORATU, Iraq, Aug 22 (Agencies): Nothing disturbed the silence as two United Nations military observers gazed across rocky, sunbaked hillsides at Iranian lines a few kilometres (miles) from the deserted Iraqi village of Qoratu.

"It's just quiet on both sides. Nothing has happened yet," blue-beretted Norwegian captain Arne Ophus told reporters. "As you see, we are even wearing our helmets. But they are in the car if we need them."

Stationed

He and his Malaysian colleague, Major Shahrir Bin Abdul-Malik, are stationed on the central sector of the Iran-Iraq war front where a UN-sponsored ceasefire silenced the guns after eight years of fighting.

At the nearby border town of Khanagin a coffee-shop owner said residents had started to filter back to their shell-shattered houses over the past few days.

"Even those who left before the shelling are coming back," he said.

The UN team's Yugoslav commander, Major-General Slavko Jovic, said in Baghdad that the ceasefire which took effect at 0300 GMT on Saturday was holding.

"The ceasefire is operational," Jovic said. His officers were investigating an Iraqi charge, denied by Tehran, that an Iranian sniper shot dead an Iraqi soldier after the ceasefire.

The 350-man, 24-nation UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIMOG) has to keep the peace along a 1,200 km (740 mile) line running through mountains, deserts and marshes.

Ophus, 42, said the UN team was thinly stretched. "Only two of us look after a sector 140 km (90 miles) long," he said.

"I hope we can have more people at the border," Ophus said.

Seven pairs of observers from 10 nations were working in shifts around the clock to cover the front line near Qoratu, 170 km (105 miles) northeast of Baghdad.

Apart from the sheer distances, he said, problems included language, communications and the nature of the terrain.

Men from Canada's 88th Sig-



Two UN observers, Capt. Yuzichuk of Canada (right), and Lt. Malnul of Bangladesh at the Iran-Iraq border. (Reuters wirephoto)

nals Squadron are struggling to set up independent communications but so far the observers are relying on radios in their vehicles, provided by the Iraqi Army.

"An advance party inspected the area today and communications will be set up tomorrow," said Canadian Major Alexander Carruthers, duty officer at the town of Basqaba, one of the UN team's three forward bases in Iraq. The others are at Basra in the south and Kirkuk in the north.

"Communications are satisfactory and improving all the time," Irish Colonel William Phillips said at UN headquarters in Baghdad. "We are in touch with the key people."

The observers' mandate under Security Council Resolution 598 is to "verify, confirm and supervise" the ceasefire and the withdrawal of opposing forces to internationally-recognised borders.

The Scandinavian officer said the biggest challenges were the sweltering heat, pushing above 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 Centigrade), and the threat posed by unexploded mines.

In their early patrols along the barren, ravine-cut border, Ophus said they had glimpsed Iranian troops and even UN observers on the other side of the front, although radio contact with their counterparts must be relayed through headquarters in Baghdad.

They seemed in good spirits as they met a busload of reporters driven to an Iraqi Army camp near the border — its precise location kept secret.

The border itself remains unclear, Ophus said. Asked if he knew where it was, he said, "not at the moment. I've been, but they don't have any markers where the international border should be... and I don't have any proper maps."

Stabilize

"I have to believe these guys (the Iraqi guides), and the Iranians are in one place and the Iraqis on the other and they are in peace," he said.

UN peacekeeping officials say the observers are trying to map the front, if not the border, hoping to stabilize the lines.

Both armies were supposed to withdraw to international borders at the ceasefire which began early Saturday, but the border territory Ophus and Shahrir patrol is contested.

It saw the war's first clashes in September 1980 and the last — late last month. Control of the area has seen-sawed back and forth between Iran and Iraq.

Signs of those clashes are everywhere. A bus carrying reporters passed scores of Iraqi tanks and armoured vehicles, active and abandoned military camps, even abandoned boots and helmets. The bus at one point squeezed to the roadside to pass a dozen

Soviet-made T-55 tanks rattling along the highway.

One military truck carried a huge crate apparently captured from Iran in recent fighting. Contents were identified as a Nissan Junior pickup truck, addressed to "Tehran, via Bandar Abbas, Iran."

Ophus, from the town of Molv near Oslo, joked that as a Norwegian he was "used to the heat... oh, I like it." He noted he had spent a year earlier as a UN observer on the India-Pakistan war front, another sun-baked site.

Shahrir, 34, from Kuantan, said temperatures were hotter than his Malaysian home.

Ophus said the men made their rounds in an air-conditioned Toyota Land Cruiser and shared accommodations with Iraqi officers at an air-conditioned camp building.

Shared

He said the Iraqis also had provided binoculars for some observers, and shared their officers' mess. He also praised the friendly reception he had received.

Ophus said soldiers they had passed "waved and shouted and I think they were happy to see us. I think everyone is celebrating that the war is ended."

He said the observers may use helicopters when they become available in a few days. They also may consider use of fixed observation posts.

Number of Kuwaiti employees increases

By Abdul Karim Kazem

ABDUL AZIZ AL ZABEN, the undersecretary of the Civil Service Commission, said yesterday that the policy of replacing expatriates with Kuwaiti manpower has achieved good results.

The policy has increased the number of Kuwaitis employed and tipped the balance of the Kuwaiti-expatriate ratio in Kuwait's favour.

Balanced

Al Zaben said that the newly-established youths qualifying and workforce planning office will work out rules and conditions to guarantee a balanced distribution of Kuwaiti manpower in the various economic sectors.

He also said that office procedures will be improved, but said it is still too early to accurately evaluate the functioning of the office.

He emphasised the importance of training for employees to upgrade their performance

and noted that the government's employment policy is based on the scientific or technical standards of the graduates.

Working

Government bodies responsible for training and education, particularly the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, are working to supply the local market with qualified personnel, he said.

Al Zaben said he supports establishment of a bank of information on employees and issues relating to the Kuwaiti workforce. This will facilitate making efficient plans for employees and help authorities meet the urgent needs of the local market.

Preparations for new academic year

By Qasem Nayel

KHALED AL Slaithim, director of Farwaniya Educational Area has said that preparations for the coming academic year are going very well.

In an interview with a local daily, he noted that a new intermediate girls school will open this year. He also pointed out that officials will hold inspection tours of all schools on the first day of term to look into any difficulties.

Al Slaithim said that the summer vacation gave area officials the opportunity to prepare for the coming year.

A reception committee formed by the ministry, comprising of representatives from educational areas and central departments, is responsible for supplies, transportation, public services and school textbooks.

Al Slaithim praised area administrations for their efforts to prepare for the new academic year.

Many teachers resign and transfer every year, therefore, it is necessary for officials plan ahead, he said.



An Amiri decree was issued promoting Brigadier Jaber Khaled Al Sabah to Major-General and appointing him Deputy Chief-of-Staff of the Kuwaiti Armed Forces.

The Major-General was awarded the new rank by Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed (left) at his office yesterday.

Jaber Khaled had been Assistant Chief-of-Staff for military intelligence affairs.

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Amiri audience

HH the Amir yesterday received Brazil's ambassador, who is returning at the end of his tenure.

HH the Amir will today receive the credentials of the newly appointed ambassadors of Austria and France to Kuwait.

Hussein ends talks with Sheikh Zayed

ABU DHABI, Aug 22 (AP): King Hussein of Jordan left Abu Dhabi today after official talks with the United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan that dealt with the Iran-Iraq ceasefire and the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

King Hussein, who arrived yesterday, returned home after talks with Sheikh Zayed on "the latest developments in the Gulf and Middle East problem, following the Gulf war ceasefire and the Jordanian decision to cut ties

with the West Bank," the official Emirates News Agency WAM said.

The agency quoted an unidentified official who said "the two leaders hope the recent development in the Gulf will lead to peace and stability and brotherly co-operation among the Gulf countries."

Sheikh Zayed, who enjoys good ties with Iran, has been a major actor in the efforts to convince the Persian state to accept a peaceful end to the eight-year-old war with Iraq. King Hussein has a close friendship with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The UN-organised ceasefire between the two northern Gulf foes started Saturday, and peace talks are to begin in Geneva on Thursday.

Arab League team in Beijing

BEIJING, Aug 22 (AP): A seven member delegation from the Arab League arrived today to discuss implementation of a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, the official Xinhua news agency said.

The delegation is led by Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and includes Iraqi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saadoun Hamadi, it said.

Sheikh Sabah told Xinhua upon his arrival that he hoped there would be lasting and all-round peace between Iran and Iraq and the whole Gulf region. The UN-administered ceasefire went into effect Aug 20.

Iraqis talk of war agony

BAGHDAD, Aug 22 (Reuters): Iraqis are emerging from eight years of war to talk of their dead.

Thousands of Iraqi civilians died in Iranian bombing raids and missile attacks from the marshlands of the Faw peninsula to remote northern mountain settlements.

"An Iranian missile demolished my house in Basra last March, burying my two children, wife and father," said 29-year-old soldier Anwar As-Safi.

He said he was now rebuilding his life in Baghdad.

Housewife Jameela Ahmed, 28, told how she kissed her son goodbye shortly before a missile ripped into his school.

"Suddenly everything was clouded with smoke, dust and flying stones... it was an Iranian missile that snuffed out my only hope," she said.

The war spilled over into attacks on civilian targets by both sides. They rained missiles on each other's cities and towns, wreaking a heavy toll of civilians.

But neither side gave precise casualty figures from the "war of the cities."

Dollmaker Muhsein Kadhim, 48, said his son was crippled in



Happy Iraqi residents wave flags, dance and sing songs in the streets of Baghdad to celebrate the beginning of ceasefire. (Reuters wirephoto)

Iranian shelling of Iraq's second city, Basra.

Civil servant Balsam Abduljalil, 27, told how he made a sacrifice of a different kind. "My dream was to translate

some of Shakespeare's play and Dickens' novels into Arabic.

"I shelved that dream and worked hard to compensate for the absence of young people at the front."

Kuwaiti Red Crescent raps Israel

THE Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society strongly denounced the "inhuman Israeli" practices against the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab territories and urged the International Red Cross to continue efforts to stop the atrocious Israeli acts.

In a statement issued yesterday, the Red Crescent said it contacted the general secretary of the Arab Red Crescent societies saying the Israelis' oppressive practices against the Palestinian people should be exposed and to condemn the barbaric measures.

The information office of the International Committee of the Red Cross recently informed the national societies that the occupation authorities have deported 32 Palestinians from their homeland to Lebanon since the uprising began, and is planning to deport 25 more.

The statement also said that Israeli soldiers killed two Palestinians who were detained in military detention camps under the so-called Administrative Detention Law.

The office said in its report that about 2,500 Palestinian detainees are being mistreated.

Bahraini defence minister off to Bonn

MANAMA, Aug 22 (AP): Bahrain's Defence Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, left today for West Germany on an official visit at the invitation of his German counterpart.

The Gulf News Agency reported the departure of the minister, who doubles as deputy commander of Bahrain's defence forces, but did not provide any details on the purpose of the visit.

Taking over

Sheikh Khalifa was named Defence Minister earlier this year, taking over from the Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa who is the commander of the Bahraini forces.

The central Gulf island state,

which has strong ties with Western states led by the United States and Britain, has been rapidly developing its military strength over the recent years.

West Germany has been the supplier of Bahrain's fledgling naval strength. The island received two 62-metre (203-foot) Leursen type 62-001 gunboats, equipped with surface to surface missiles, in March, to be added two 45-metre (147-foot) Leursens and two 38-metre (124-foot) Leursens that it already possessed, with delivery starting as of 1984.

Missiles that can be fitted to the automatic gun turrets of the boats are the anti-ship Exocets and the Harpoon surface-to-surface missiles.

Iran must accept new realities

A KUWAITI newspaper yesterday criticised Iran for continuing to intercept vessels in the Strait of Hormuz, and said that Iranian leaders must remember the new realities in the region.

The daily was referring to Iran's interception of the first Iraqi ship to cruise the Gulf in eight years Saturday. The daily Al Rai Al Aam said the Iranian act was against international rules.

"If certain circumstances related to the war had at one time made Iran intercept and inspect ships at the strait, conditions have changed now after the two sides (Iran and Iraq) formally accepted cessation of war activities on land, in the air and on the sea," the paper said.

It also recommended that Iran and Iraq co-operate with the United Nations and seek a settlement of all their problems.

Ship returns after 8 years

A SHIP belonging to a Gulf company arrived in Kuwait Sunday night, almost eight years after being seized at an Iraqi port.

A press release by the United Arab Maritime Company (UAMC), owned by the Arab Gulf states, said yesterday that the ship, named Ibn Al Haytham, arrived in Shuwaikh Port Sunday night under its own power.

The ship, which was seized in Khour Al Zubair at the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war in 1980, carries a Kuwaiti flag, the release said. The ship will be inspected and repaired before being reintroduced in the company's fleet.

The return of Ibn Al Haytham came on the third day of a ceasefire between Iran and Iraq, and two days before the two belligerents start direct peace talks.

Looking after minors

HAZZA AL HUSSAYAN, director general of the Public Authority for Minors' Affairs, said the authority is sparing no efforts to serve minors' interests, and has invested funds for their futures.

In an interview with a local daily, Al Hussayan said the authority invested KD 73 million. The funds were invested locally and are not affected by fluctuations facing the international exchanges.

Any problems experienced by the authority are normal and are due to the nature of the authority's work, he said. The funds were invested in shares, real estate and deposits, he said. He stated an awareness that such investments are counter to Islamic strictures.

Al Hussayan said the authority created new departments for research and study and investment operations. The authority also co-operates with local specialised consulting bureaux, to achieve its investment objectives.

Sacrificial meat

A LOCAL daily reported that 8,750 people received the meat of animals sacrificed during the last Eid Al Adha and distributed by Zakat House.

It added that Zakat House's distribution centres received about 463 sacrifices from citizens and expatriates. The meat was distributed quickly and efficiently in refrigerated vehicles jointly provided by Zakat House and the Municipality through centres in Kaifan, Farwaniya, Fahheel, Jahra and Hawali.

Kuwait Blood Bank is an important institution

By Naser Al Tamimi

THE Kuwait Central Blood Bank has come a long way since it was established back in 1965.

Today, it is the main consultation centre for Arab states and serves as co-ordinator with the International Health Association in the Middle East, according to the bank's Director Abdul Aziz Al Bashir.

The centre offers complete tests for disease and types, blood pressure checks, provides plasma and performs transfusions, the director said.

Established

Training courses for college medical students are offered in co-operation with Kuwait University.

The blood bank was established to receive blood donations and conduct tests to ensure its safety for use in blood transfusions.

In the beginning, the blood bank was only a small room at the Amiri Hospital. Tests were conducted for blood typing, donations collected and some transfusions were performed.

Years ago, blood was often imported from other Arab states since the amount used locally exceeded the local supply. The need for more blood led to the establishment of a blood bank first located behind the Amiri Hospital.

At that time, work at the bank involved collecting blood donations, conducting tests and distributing blood to local and government hospitals.

The new blood bank in Jabriya was established according to international standards. The



A plasma donor

director said the bank's main objective was to issue certificates to graduates at the bank. Today, the bank is a member of the American Association of Blood Banks.

Donors at the blood bank undergo several tests to ensure the safety of the blood. A donor's blood pressure is checked and the blood typed, the director said. An AIDS test is also conducted after the donation is made.

Since 1968, blood importation stopped, Al Bashir said. In 1987, more than 31,068 blood donations were collected at the bank.

Kuwait Central Blood Bank

has helped the victims of many local and international accidents since October 1974, the director said.

No obstacles in receiving maids

THE controller of Kuwait International Airport, Adel Al Misallem, has denied that there are any obstacles preventing citizens from receiving their maids and servants at the airport.

Domestic staff coming to Kuwait for the first time are required to follow routine procedures, which take time to carry out, he said.

Complicate

Some citizens complicate matters by not collecting their maids and servants, who then have to be sent to the airport hotel, at the expense of their employers, he said.

If the servants are not collected within 24 hours, they are referred to the Immigration Department of the Ministry of the Interior. Then they are either handed over to their employers or deported. On other matters relating to

Visas

Al Misallem also pointed out that passengers leaving the country do not face any problems or delays, provided that they have obtained entry visas for the countries they are travelling to. If the visa is not stamped, passengers must present a letter to prove that the visa will be given on arrival in the country concerned.

Additionally, passengers should sign a pledge to bear all costs if they are refused entry, he said.

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V divorce lawyer a romantic at heart

Frank Durham

It takes only a quick visit to his dressing-room and a 15-minute trip through the Hollywood traffic to transform the lawyer, womanising L.A. divorce lawyer Arnie Becker into a laid-back, philosophical or Corbin Bernsen.

But, as 34-year-old Corbin axed in the canvas chair beside me, sipping coffee on a plastic cup, his thoughts lingered on the subject of love. And on the warmer times of love and marriage.

For, at the present happy age of his life, Corbin Bernsen is in an even better position than Arnie Becker to give an expert opinion on all three. And this the blond six-footer, who has shot to fame in armpits and legal briefs, conceded to do. With the occasional comparison between his view and that of Arnie.

Take romance first. Corbin dined the softness that suddenly tempered those tanned and rugged looks betrayed the fact that his heart has been the subject of romantic larceny. Or, as the police would say, "It is a stolen heart."

Corbin described the lady who has him falling, tousled over a marathon runner, in love as "one special girl." And when I met her two days later, I could see just what meant. English actress Amanda Pays, of TV's *Max* and *Madame* fame was not only stunningly lovely but obviously sharply intelligent.

And a girl who is all things right and beautiful is somebody Corbin finds less an irresistible. He has gone on record, after a meeting of their parts and minds at a night club, to say that he was more attracted by Amanda's independence than her beauty.

He said stoutly: "I like a woman who stands up for herself and who has her own

ideas." And what of marriage? Corbin explained with something of a lawyer's caution: "I don't know what's going to happen. Maybe by the end of the year we'll be married."

"Nothing is written in stone. But we will be married some day."

Marriage is something Corbin has sampled fairly recently. His three-year marriage to New York actress Brenda Cooper ended just as Corbin was beginning to practise divorce law on television. The hit programme is now going into its third season. But there were no courtroom dramas, Corbin told me, when he and Brenda went their separate ways. No Arnie Becker fireworks. More a form-filling and filing affair.

He told me: "I wouldn't have hired an Arnie, and I'm glad that Brenda didn't, either."

"My divorce was just paperwork. It was done by a friend. Brenda and I agreed to just drop in the papers and do it. We don't have children, so we didn't have that complication. But there was emotional stuff involved. After all, you realise you are severing a tie."

After the split, Corbin said wryly: "Here I was playing a divorce lawyer and going through a divorce. Friends warned me I'd better be careful because I was on a hit show. But it wasn't like that. Brenda has been invaluable to me."

Libidinous

He told me: "What are my feelings on marriage? I'm a bit of a romantic. An idealist. I would love to think that it can work just the once. It sometimes does."

"And, by the way, I feel that Arnie thinks the same way. It is a business for him. But I don't think he's ever encouraged a break-up."

"The fact is that, sometimes a marriage isn't going to work because people and circumstances have changed. And divorce is a nifty device to help that change."

Then Corbin spoke up for his brash, libidinous alter ego. He said: "I think Arnie practises on the principle that life is very short and, if two people don't get along, there is no reason that something shouldn't be worked out for them."

"Myself, I stick to the ideal—I would love people to be happy just being married once. I think Arnie would like that for himself, too. And, ultimately, he would like it for other people."

"I think the pain of dealing with divorce affects Arnie after a while. Underneath, he is an idealist."

Then Corbin hinted at the unthinkable... Arnie's womanising days may be coming to an end.

He said: "That's all going to take a different course. I can't really tell you what we are going to do, but this aspect of the plot is going to go in a different direction."

"After all, nobody can be a womaniser for that long without saying, 'Wait a second. What am I doing? I'm going to be 40 years old and I'm still doing the same stuff I did when I was 17.'"

Does Corbin see any hint of himself in Arnie Becker, high-rolling partner in the L.A. law firm of McKenzie, Brackman, Chaney and Kuzak? He explained: "We're similar in that we're both professional in what we do. And there is a part of Arnie, too, that is searching for answers as he goes through life."

Corbin, who works with homeless youngsters in Hollywood, went on: "But I don't think Arnie is as socially conscious as I am. And he's more affected by fame. But I am human myself in that respect."

"I like to enjoy being a celebrity for a while after having worked 20 years as an actor. Now I'm there, I'm damn well going to enjoy it. But I get a little upset when I stay in that mode for long."

"But what creates the drama surrounding Arnie is his personal conflict. Underneath, he is an idealist. Sometimes his two worlds collide when this side of him comes into contact with his outer life as a womaniser and rat. It's his vulnerability that makes him such a hard-arse."

"He wears this hardness like a suit of armour to protect his vulnerability. This man has been hurt. He was an only child and he was ridiculed as a youngster. That has made him like he is."



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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9:00 Holy Quran
- 9:30 Space Adventures
- 10:15 Ibn Al Jabal
- 11:15 Abu Saleh Youreel Hallan
- 12:15 Silver Spoons: serial starring Ricky Schroeder
- 1:00 News
- 1:05 World today via satellite
- 1:50 Variety show
- 2:30 Awrak Al Daliyah
- 3:35 Cartoons
- 4:15 Wakanou Asdikaa: play starring Zizi Al Badrawi, Khaled Zaki, Shar Rami and Ashraf Saif
- 6:00 Cartoons
- 6:45 Summer '88
- 7:05 Wajouh Wa Ahdath: cultural programme
- 8:00 Religious programme: with Sheikh Ali Al Jassar
- 8:30 Waqalat Al Arab
- 9:00 News in Arabic
- 9:45 Al Saqiya Tadour serial starring Abdullah Ghaith, Mimi Jamal, Shukri Sarhan and Ahmed Khalil
- 10:40 Nughum Al Madinah
- 11:40 News Summary
- 11:45 World today via satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown



Hitchcock's Foreign Correspondent, on KTV 2 at 10:30 pm, is the story of an American reporter in pre-World War II London who gets involved with a Nazi spy ring and the kidnapping of a European politician.

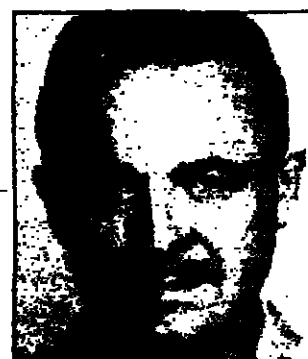
KTV 2

- 6:00 Holy Quran
- 6:10 Rubick
- 6:30 Choky: Matthew is kidnapped.
- 7:00 Australian Ark: "The Last Wilderness" A look at the flora and fauna on the few islands off the Australian coast that have been left untouched.

- 8:00 News in English
- 8:30 You and the Law
- 8:40 Magnum: "Love that Lies" Magnum knows something his girlfriend doesn't.
- 9:30 Les Faucheurs de Marguerites
- 10:00 Perfect Strangers: "Beautiful Dreamer" Bally has trouble getting to sleep...
- 10:30 B/W feature film: "Foreign Correspondent" starring Joel McCrea, Laraine Day and Herbert Marshall. McCrea in title role is

caught in the middle of a spy ring with reporters Sanders and Benchley, innocent Day, suspicious father Marshall. Tremendously entertaining film with several Hitchcock showpieces.

11:30 News summary Magazine d'Actualite Closedown



John Hillerman plays Higgins in *Magnum*, on KTV 2 at 8:40 pm.

Kuwait to take part in Cairo film festival

KUWAIT will take part in Cairo's first international film festival for experimental theatre. About 59 delegations from 21 countries, including 11 Arab states, will participate.

The Egyptian Minister for Culture Farouq Hosni said in Cairo that the festival, scheduled to be inaugurated on Sept 1, will last 10 days and will be attended by troupes from the Arab countries of Kuwait.

Iraq, Palestine, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Morocco, Tunisia, Sudan, Bahrain, and Egypt.

He said that the foreign participants will include the Soviet Union, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Ghana, Poland, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Britain, and Yugoslavia. Critics and artists from the Arab world will also be present.

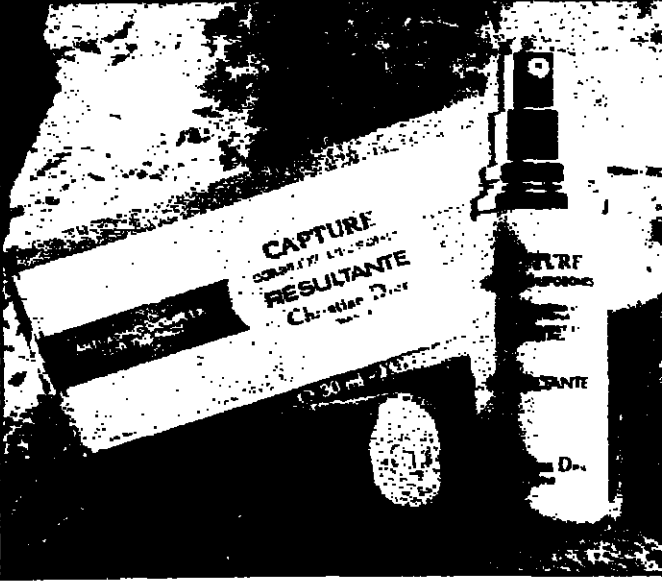
CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Action Jackson
Al Salamiya
Who's That Girl?
Starring: Madonna
Al Hamra
The Running Man
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger
Drive-In
Al Ab Al Sharei
Starring: Nadya Lutfi and Mohammed Yassin
Al Firdous
Maut Ki Ladaai (Hindi)
Starring: Sridevi and Jayaprada

Fahaeel Open-Air
Starab (Hindi)
Starring: Amrithab
Al Fahaeel
The Last Hunter
Al Jahra
Mahaan (Bengali)
Granada
Oru Minnaminunginte
Nuurunguvettam (Malayalam)
Sulaibikhat
Le Divorcement
Al Jeeb
Akash Pari (Bengali)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Al Folous Wa Al Wohoush



Sridevi stars in *Maut Ki Ladaai*, currently showing at Al Firdous.



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The results of the London University G.C.E. "A" level examinations (June 1988) have now arrived in school and are available for collection from the secondary school secretary from 9 am - 12 noon daily.

PRAYERS

Fajr	3:58 am
Zuhr	11:50
Asr	3:25 pm
Maghreb	6:19
Isha	7:40

RADIO PROGRAMMES

- 0900 Opening
- 1900 Bedouin Qaul
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Radio Club
- 2000 News
- 2020 News
- 2040 Jahan Numan
- 2100 Closedown

- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Network UK
- 30 Sports International (ex 2nd and 9th Program's Progress)
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 John Peel
- 0400 Newsdesk
- 30 Without Strings
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 New Ideas
- 40 Book Choice
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newsdesk
- 30 Hitting the High Notes
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four: Hours News

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- 30 Without Strings
- 45 Reflections
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- 40 Book Choice
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newsdesk
- 30 Hitting the High Notes
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four: Hours News

English

- 0800 Opening
- 0805 Songs and Music
- 0815 Thoughts in Islam
- 0830 News
- 0845 Daily Programme
- 0900 Songs and Music
- 0930 They Sold a Million
- 1000 Our Press Today
- 1005 Songs and Music
- 1030 Country Collection
- 1100 Closedown
- 2100 Opening announcement
- 2102 In the Latin Mood
- 2130 News
- 2145 Point of View
- 2200 Mohammed: The Light of Islam
- 2215 In the Groove
- 2245 Daily Programme
- 2300 Hit Special
- 2330 Jazz in Action

Urdu

- 0900 Opening
- 1900 Bedouin Qaul
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Radio Club
- 2000 News
- 2020 News
- 2040 Jahan Numan
- 2100 Closedown

BBC World Services

- 0900 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newswest
- 30 Book Choice
- 45 The World Today
- 1000 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Short Story
- 45 The Seven Ages of Shakespeare

WHAT'S ON

RTS

Arab Science Museum
The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday.

Arab Arts Museum
The museum, located on 25th Gulf Street, is open from 10 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest arabic art objects are on show.

Rehab Museum
The museum in Jabriya uses a collection of Islamic art, costumes and jewellery in the Muslim world. Summer openings are 9 am to 12 noon 14 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. Friday the museum is open in the mornings.

MS

Arab Council
Bunny takes off on a curious romp through children's classics like Goldilocks, and the Beanstalk, etc. in *1 Rabbit Takes*, showing on 24, at 6:00 pm and on Aug 24, at 10:30 am.

Assam Garden, the story of the relationship between an Indian woman, Deborah Kerr and Madhaffrey. It will be shown on 27 and 28 at 6:30 pm. It is advisable to reserve seats in advance by telephoning the secretary.

CIAL

Dance Drama
The Narthana dance group stage a number of musical dramas, including *Pandit*, at the Indian Arts Centre, Sept 22.

Sporting Centre
The Sporting Centre will stage an evening of games entertainment at the Tent on Sept 22, 1988. Music is provided by Top Ranks Next of Kin. Further later.

Country Western Musical

The American Community Theatre is rounding up singers, dancers and musicians for their annual country and western musical, to be held at the end of September. Interested talents, contact Nancy Parker 2523911/ext. 2346 or Nola Anderson 2428366.

Y.M.C.A.
The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on Sept 1 at 8:30 pm. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will be in attendance. For reservations, contact J. D'Sa at 2450279, 3981790, 3924659.

Onam Festival
The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Centre. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Perumpilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Verghese Paradayil 2422973.

Kuwait Malayalees
Kuwait Malayalees Onam Celebration Committee will celebrate Onam on Aug 26 from 9:00 am onwards, at the Indian Embassy auditorium, with cultural programmes, competitions, and traditional Onasada in Kerala style. For passes, please contact 2412986, 5629747, 3943662.

HOTELS
At the Holiday Inn
Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are ideal for a period of quiet relaxation.

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On Wednesday, join the Shabrazz barbecue at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Supper club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

Recreation facilities include squash and tennis courts, male/female gymnasiums with saunas, solarium, whirlpools, and massage and relaxation rooms.

At the Hilton
The Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6.30 am to midnight.

At the Failaka restaurant, select from a wide variety of dishes to make your own table top buffet. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12.30 pm and 7.30-11.30 pm.

Ice-cream, cold drinks and this week's special — strawberry and chocolate cream — are available at La Patisserie. Open daily 10.30 am - 10.45 pm.

At the Ramada
Al Bender coffee shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to midnight; a la carte available. Shrimp promotion on Wednesday and Thursday, featuring a variety of shrimp delicacies.

Al Gandou Grill Garden, open 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties. The Open Garden has selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Aquilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day. Open every day 7 pm to 11 pm.

Mirage nightclub has a barbeque and full buffet; entertainment from Al Arzz band.

At the Sheraton
Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo's is closed on Fridays.

Al Hambra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialties on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous brunch buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations at lunch and dinner.

Arab world specialties are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarbouche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

At the Meridian
La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

Mango promotion, featuring wide variety of mango preparations, until Aug 31.

There is a Filipino Night every Sunday 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm; live entertainment provided.

SPORTS

14th Winners Cup cricket tournament
The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open 14th Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Alhamdi Governorate Ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm. The draw will be held on Friday, Aug 26, at 9 am at the Kuwait Lanka Restaurant, Fahaeel.

Masters Bowling Tournament
The second Masters Tournament, open to both men and women, will be held on Aug 25-26 and Sept 1-2 at 300 Silver Tower (behind US embassy). The deadline for registration is Aug 23. For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang 4843447.

Salco United
The Salco United Sports Centre will hold their third annual Gold Cup Football Tournament starting Sept 9. Those interested may contact Peter 2434415 or Mariano 4744150 after 5 pm, before Sept 1. The draw will be held on Sept 2, at 9 am, at the Phoenixia hotel.

Boy's Own Club
Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (Oct 22/23). Interested teams can contact Millagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

DON'T be afraid to take a big step if it is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps — David Lloyd George, British statesman (1863-1945).

Businessmen hopeful

Way open for greater democracy in Pakistan

By Malcolm Davidson

KARACHI, (Reuters): Pakistani businessmen have said the death last week of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq could open the way for moves towards greater democracy and stability.

"I was one of his staunchest supporters but I think that we were heading for a show-down," said a senior banker, who claimed his views were shared by many businessmen in Karachi. Pakistan's commercial capital.

He said Zia was plunging Pakistan deeper into political crisis and a confrontation with opposition parties seemed inevitable.

"For different reasons people think that the stumbling block has been removed," he said. "Personally, I think it was all for the good."

Settled

The banker, who asked not to be identified, and other businessmen said Zia's death in a suspicious plane crash last Wednesday opened the door for a move towards democracy.

"This country was heading for a big confrontation," said another business leader, speaking privately. "All these issues are settled by the death of Zia."

Zia, who seized power in 1977, antagonised political parties already fiercely critical of his rule by barring them from directly contesting elections set for Nov 16.

Acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan has hinted he might let them contest the polls.

Prices fell on the Karachi stock market on Sunday, the first day of trading since Zia's death, but selling pressure eased later.

Mature

No stock exchange index was available because of a computer failure but 169 stocks fell and only 17 rose.

Commodities also dropped but stockbroker Fayaz Rana said he expected the markets to

steadily ahead of a two-day market holiday.

"People may hold off making long-term investment decisions until the smoke has cleared. I think that most of the businessmen will wait for the coming election on Nov 16," Rana said.

Several businessmen said the apparently smooth transition of power to Ishaq Khan was a sign of a maturity in Pakistan, which has seen three periods of martial law since independence from Britain in 1947.

In Ishaq Khan they see somebody closely aligned with Zia's pro-business economic policies and do not expect much change.

"The country has been taken over by a financial wizard in the shape of Ishaq Khan," said Tariq Saeed, president of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

"I don't see any reason for apprehension as far as the economy is concerned."

Ishaq Khan was finance minister for seven years until 1985.

Acceptance

Saeed and other business leaders also said they saw little likelihood of major violence because the political parties would not want to give the Army any justification for stepping in.

They believe the Army has lost its appetite for intervention and might be ready to accept the prospect of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto as prime minister.

Her father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was overthrown by Zia and later convicted of murder conspiracy charges and hanged.

Saeed said businessmen also seem unconcerned at the prospect of Benazir's Pakistan People's Party coming to power.

He said the party's policies of nationalisation and Pakistan-style socialism were now of the past and any future Benazir government would have to work with the private sector.

Five years after Benigno Aquino's death

Assassination still remains a mystery

By Robert H. Reid

MANILA, (AP): Five years after Benigno Aquino's assassination, the murder remains unsolved and the late senator's goal of a peaceful, stable democracy unfulfilled in the turbulent country now governed by his widow.

On Aug 21, 1983, Aquino stepped from a China Airlines jet and was gunned down moments after returning from the United States to challenge President Ferdinand Marcos for leadership of the Philippines.

The killing outraged the nation and emboldened a fragmented opposition, paving the way for the uprising that toppled Marcos and propelled the senator's widow, Corason Aquino, to the presidency on Feb 25, 1986.

Now, statues of "Ninoy", the senator's nickname, stand in major cities, and the airport where he died bears his name.

But the trial of 40 defendants charged in the assassination dragged on nearly 16 months after it began, bogged down in a complex legal system.

Retrial

In September 1986, the supreme court voided acquittals handed down by a Marcos-era tribunal and ordered a retrial. The slow pace of the trial typifies the unfinished agenda of an administration that arose after the Aquino slaying.

Political turbulence, which made such a killing possible, haunts the country. For many, the lofty hopes that Marcos' ouster alone would restore stability and prosperity have given way to frustration.

"Five years after Ninoy's death, the Cory government has become the government it warned us against," wrote columnist Conrado de Quiros in the Philippine daily Globe, a frequent critic of the administration.

Critics in the free-wheeling Manila press often gloss over Aquino's accomplishments, preferring instead to hold her to the idealistic promises of justice, domestic, and social reform she espoused.

Despite the insurgency and

right-wing coup plots, her administration drafted a new constitution, restored a bicameral legislature and held national and regional elections in its first two years.

The administration reversed three years of economic decline and posted a 5.5 per cent growth in the gross national product in its first full year.

But for millions of Filipinos, more than 60 per cent of whom live in poverty, the slow pace of change has done little to improve their daily lives. Inflation in the Manila area, triggered by increases in prices of food and fuel, is approaching 10 per cent.

Allegations of continuing corruption have been raised not only by the press but by Manila Archbishop Cardinal Jaime Sin, the country's best known cleric and an Aquino supporter.

Communist rebels still wield power in rural areas, and urban guerrillas have escalated street assassinations in the capital itself. Right-wing "death squads" have retaliated with their own attacks against labour activists and suspected leftists.

Violence

"If the principal element of (Aquino's) death was violence, it is only fitting that the people who were shocked by the incident and who felt sorry for the late senator should now shun violence and work to strengthen the rule of law," said the Manila Bulletin in an editorial Sunday. "Violence still stalks the land, because many do not respect the rule of law."

Growing disaffection prompted Vice-President Salvador Laurel this month to accuse the administration of incompetence, failing to stem the rebellion and tolerating corruption on the scale of Marcos. Laurel called on Aquino to resign and call new elections.

Aquino's strongest supporters frequently dismiss criticism as attempts by her opponents to undermine her government. Pro-Aquino columnists claim the latest round of criticism is part of a right-wing plot, dubbed "Operation Sodom and Gomorrah," to tarnish her reputation among the public.

Israelis worried

'Refuseniks' decline to perform Army duty

By George D. Moffett III

TEL AVIV: Judging by his earnest, soft-spoken manner, one would never guess that Meir Amor is considered by some to be a threat to his country.

The 34-year-old graduate student from Tel Aviv has never hijacked a plane or tossed a petrol bomb.

Instead, he is a member of the small, slowly expanding group of "refuseniks" who, since the Palestinian intifada (uprising) began eight months ago, have declined to perform Army reserve duty in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Officials worry that Israelis like Amor are compromising this tiny country's security. But Amor wants to convey a different message: that Israel's leaders, by regarding conflict between Arabs and Jews as

inevitable, have abdicated the responsibility to find peace.

"Since the beginning of Israel, we've believed that all the world is against us. We use this to explain everything," Amor says. "Thus, we explain the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) as the latest in a long tradition of menacing forces. It takes the responsibility off your shoulders and puts it in the hand of some outside authorities."

"Many like to think war with Arabs is part of our destiny. But only God makes destiny. Humans make war and humans can make peace."

Protest

Amor several months ago joined Yesh Gvul (translation: "There is a limit"), a protest movement of Army Reservists. "When I was 21 I thought it was very important to stay in the Army. It was a way of fulfilling

something meaningful for myself and my country."

From 1973 to 1979 Amor served in the prestigious Golani Brigade, eventually becoming company commander with the rank of captain. In 1978 and later during the Lebanon war, he made several forays with his unit into Lebanon. It was there that he began to have second thoughts about the wisdom of Israel's military policy.

As he listened to the early morning call to prayer by the local Muslim muezzin and watched from his guard tower as the nearby villages in the northern Bekaa Valley came to life in the winter darkness of 1983, he had a sudden sense of not belonging.

"I was watching a different world awake," recalls the Tel Aviv University sociology major. "I suddenly thought, 'These people don't belong to us. What am I doing here? Our

security interests aren't involved here."

Later, when Army Reserve duty meant suppressing the Palestinian uprising, he became a "refusenik." In February, he declined to serve with his unit, which was assigned to the West Bank. Following a perfunctory "summary trial" before his commanding officer, he was sentenced to 21 days in an Israeli jail for refusing to obey orders.

Declined

Amor was born in Israel five months after his parents emigrated from Morocco. As one of nearly 2 million Sephardic, or Oriental, Jews who, for years, have made up the Israeli underclass, Amor says, it was easier for him, if not for other Oriental Jews, to comprehend the impulse behind the uprising most of his countrymen regard as an abstract, dark force.

"If Golda Meir says there is no Palestinian people, 2 million have said with stones and fire. 'We are here.' The intifada is a big scream of the Palestinians to the Jews; it's a 2-million-voice orchestra saying, 'We want to be free.'"

Amor says no one knows the potential for Arab-Jewish coexistence better than Moroccan Jews, who for hundreds of years lived side by side, in relative harmony, with Arabs.

Amor says his decision not to serve in the territories has drawn an uncompromising response from some members of his family.

As the only "sabrah," or Israeli-born, child in a family of six, he says he has felt special pressures to assimilate, to prove that an "Arab Jew," as he calls himself, can "make it" in Israeli society. By choosing not to serve, Amor

has resurrected the very separatism many Sephardic Jews have tried so hard to erase.

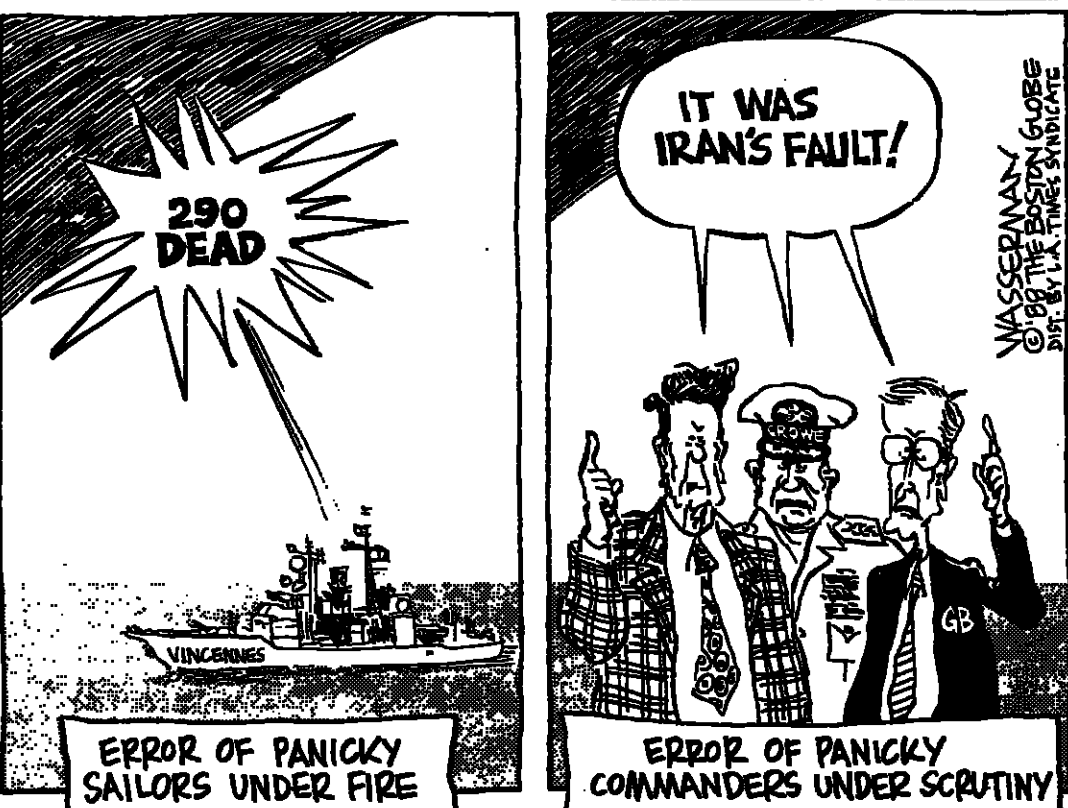
Integrate

"As an officer and a university graduate, I've successfully integrated. It's been hard for them to accept."

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin recently that 120 reservists and five Army regulars have so far refused to serve in the occupied territories. Twenty-nine have been imprisoned; seven of them, including three officers, are still in jail.

In June Yesh Gvul published the names of 600 members, all Army Reservists, who have refused to take part in suppressing the intifada. The list includes a large number of junior and non-commissioned officers, considered the backbone of any army.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.



By Clifford J. Levy

CALCUTTA, (UPI): While imprisoned for advocating revolt against British colonial rule, Manoranjan Roy discovered the works of Joseph Stalin and has embraced Stalin's harsh form of communism ever since.

He sees no reason to change now.

Despite this era of "glasnost" and "perestroika," the legacy of the discredited Stalin continues to inspire Indian Marxists.

The government of Mikhail Gorbachev, on the other hand, evokes quite different emotions: confusion, anxiety, and — though party leaders are reluctant to admit it — disgust.

"Stalin," said Roy, 78, reverently, "was the man who was instrumental in developing socialism in the Soviet Union and the world."

Revisionism

Roy is a politburo member of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), which rules West Bengal as one of the world's few democratically elected communist governments. He is not ashamed of praising the late Soviet dictator despite condemnation of his rule by most of the communist world.

"This is the last Stalinist party in the world," said political

Indian Marxists cling to Stalinist ideals

observer Tarun Ganguly. "They can't cope with revisionism or rehabilitation."

"The CPI (M) is pretty scared about the eventual fallout of glasnost," said another expert, Manash Ghosh. "It might rock the Indian Communists pretty badly. They don't want things to be so open."

Dialogue

The party is the product of a 1964 ideological split in the Communist Party of India. In addition to controlling West Bengal as the dominant partner in a coalition, the party rules southern Kerala state.

Its view of communist history focuses on Stalin's success in saving the Soviet Union from Nazi aggression in World War II and developing socialist theories applicable to developing societies.

"Stalin was a great Marxist," said Anil Biswas, editor of the party newspaper Ganashakti. "He saved the first socialist country from fascism and imperialism and has inspired the working class movement in India."

But Gorbachev's criticism of Stalin's legacy, his rehabilitation of Leon Trotsky and increased dialogue within his own party has sent tremors through the Indian left.

While Gorbachev extols the merits of open debate, CPI (M) stalwarts insist on strict Stalinist discipline and adherence to rigid dogma.

"It is a Communist Party and a disciplined party," said Manab Mukherjee, a member of the state assembly. "Dissent is nothing but breach of discipline, and we have to deal with it properly and in a Leninist way."

The party periodically purges dissenters, most recently in March when it termed "religious revisionism."

"We do not encourage religious functions," Mukherjee said bluntly.

Leaders of the Stalinist party still dream of bringing a true Marxist revolution to India, even if this means a violent upheaval.

"When the time comes, the people will be ready for revolution," Mukherjee said. "It is impossible to change the social structure in a peaceful way."

Disgruntled Brazilians flock to US

By Brian Nicholson

RIO DE JANEIRO, (UPI): Brazilians are so disgruntled with their 1,200 per cent inflation, corruption and lack of job opportunities that thousands are chancing a new life as illegal immigrants in the United States.

Last week US immigration service agents in Philadelphia, acting on a tip, flushed out 46 Brazilians from the holds of the Olivia, an ocean freighter carrying coffee and coco to American tables.

Nine escaped, 22 remained in custody and 15 were flown back to Brazil.

Dishonest

It was the biggest single group of Brazilians yet caught trying to enter the United States. In April, 45 Brazilian "tourists" were barred at Mexico City Airport trying to board a flight to the United States with one-way tickets.

"I'll try again if I can," said Elsa Pereira, 30, arriving at Rio de Janeiro airport from the latest group. "We did what lots of Brazilians want to do, but they don't have the courage."

Pereira worked as a domestic servant and baby minder for around \$60 a month.

There are clues to where they might be.

This fiscal year a projected 180,000 Brazilians will receive non-immigrant visas to travel to money.

Another thwarted immigrant, Jose Ferreira, 31 and a father of two, was earning the equivalent of \$100 a month as a veterinary assistant specializing in artificial insemination. He said one year in the United States would be worth a decade of toil at home.

Pereira, Ferreira and their companions each paid \$2,000 to \$2,800 to shady brokers for their passage.

This was apparently split with some of the Olivia's crewmen, seven of whom were detained in Philadelphia and accused of harbouring the stowaways.

Brazilian diplomats in New York told journalists there are probably 80,000 illegal Brazilians in that metropolitan area alone. Boston is another favourite location. Brazilians still number far below Mexicans as illegal US immigrants, but their numbers are growing.

Clues

Brazilian immigration officials said 2.89 million people left the country from 1985 through 1987. Just 1.63 million returned. Conclusion: 1.25 million remained somewhere else.

There are clues to where they might be.

● This fiscal year a projected 180,000 Brazilians will receive non-immigrant visas to travel to

the United States, a level well above regular years.

● Police last year showed that one in four Brazilians wished he had been born in another country, and one in three was thinking of emigrating. The United States was by far the preferred option. Italy, Japan, Switzerland and Portugal were other favoured destinations.

A survey by the Folha de Sao Paulo newspaper found Brazilians working illegally in New York as shoe-shiners, corpse washers, taxi drivers, dish washers, maids and bricklayers. They were earning up to \$3,000 a month, 20 to 50 times the amount these jobs pay in Brazil. US living costs are higher but the bottom line is still worthwhile.

Many Brazilians now leaving are the young doctors, engineers and computer specialists the developing nation needs to keep.

It's a new phenomenon.

Brazil, with a population of 143 million, is traditionally a land of immigrants, not emigrants. Brazilians have long boasted that their country, emerging as the world's 10th biggest economy, is "the land of the future."

Even during the 1964-85 military dictatorship there was no great outflow, apart from a few thousand political exiles. But then the economy was booming. Now prices rise one per cent a day. Industry is slumping.

Man at fault once again

Vincennes report vindicates the machine

By Norman Black

WASHINGTON, (AP): At a time of mounting concerns about computerized weapons systems dehumanizing combat, the Defence Department has released a report demonstrating once again how battle often turns on people's decisions.

The report, summarizing an investigation of the shootdown of an Iranian airliner by the USS Vincennes, was released Friday by Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci and Adm. William Crowe, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Buried deep within it is the following conclusion:

"The Aegis combat system's performance was excellent — it functioned as designed. Had the Commanding Officer of the USS Vincennes used the information generated by his command and decision system as the sole source of his tactical information, the CO might not have engaged (the airliner)."

In other words, if humans had not misinterpreted data being gathered by the sophisticated, computerized Aegis radar system and passed that misinformation to the skipper, he might not have fired two missiles at the Iranian A300 Airbus and killed

290 people.

On the other hand, by design, "there's an awful lot of information involved in a firing decision that is not in the computer," Crowe observed.

In the case of the Vincennes, that other information included intelligence reports about Iranian military activity, the fact the cruiser was under attack by Iranian gunboats when a plane took off from a military airfield, and Navy experiences over the past year, including attempts by Iranian planes to disguise themselves electronically.

"The computer doesn't sort them all out," Crowe said.

Uncertainties

"It is not unusual in combat to have to deal with uncertainties and conflicting information," he continued. "Although it might not seem fair, commanding officers do not have the luxury of reconciling all such questions before committing themselves. They have to go with the weight of the evidence and their best judgment."

The issue, Crowe and Carlucci told reporters, is whether the performance of Capt. Will Rogers III and the crew of the Vincennes was reasonable.

"I believe that given the operating environment, Capt.

Rogers acted reasonably and did what his nation expected of him in the defence of his ship and crew," Crowe said.

The admiral concluded that shooting down the airliner was "a by-product of the Iran-Iraq war."

Crowe said he found it "unconscionable (for Iran) to ignore the repeated warnings of the United States and to permit an airliner to take off from a joint military-civilian airfield and fly directly into the midst of an ongoing surface action (battle)."

"It was only prudent for Capt. Rogers to assume that the (radar) contact was related to his engagement with the Iranian boats until proven otherwise," Crowe said.

"The proof never came. Given the time available, the commanding officer could hardly meet his obligation to protect his ship and crew and also clear up all of the possible anomalies or ambiguities."

Adds the investigative report itself: "The fog of war and those human elements which affect each individual differently... are factors that must be considered. Stress, task fixation and unconscious distortion of data may have played a major role in this incident."

Bush may have broken rule in running-mate choice

By Michael Gelb

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): Political wise men say the first commandment of choosing a vice-presidential running mate is to find one who will do no harm. George Bush may have broken the rule.

"He should be looking for someone who, if he can't help the ticket, certainly will not hurt the ticket," Bush campaign chairman James Baker counselled just two days before his candidate tapped Indiana Senator Dan Quayle, 41, for the second spot on the Republican ticket.

Bush's strategy for winning the White House was simple — take a last ride on the Reagan coattails, painting himself as the heir to a successful administration that has brought eight years of peace and prosperity.

But his choice of Quayle has raised questions about his own judgment — it was the first thing George Bush did entirely on his own.

Challenged

While not directly criticising Quayle, Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis noted that no one has challenged the qualifications of his running-mate, 67-year-old Lloyd Bentsen.

"The test of strong presidential leadership is the quality of the people you select to serve with you," Dukakis said on Friday.

The voting record shows a similarity of views by the vice-presidential nominees, with agreement on many conservative social, national security, foreign affairs and defence issues. But Bentsen has the far longer track record.

For the moment, Bush's risky choice of the obscure lawmaker seems to have backfired as a flap over Quayle's Vietnam-era military record has sidetracked an early offensive against Dukakis and Bentsen.

"The idea was to put Dan Quayle on the ticket so he could go after Dukakis and George Bush could look presidential," independent political analyst William Schneider said. "It's a little bit risky to do that now because Quayle's on the defensive."

Not only did the storm over Quayle divert attention from a polished nomination acceptance speech by Bush that might have boosted his standing, but preliminary polling data on the

convention suggests it has cost the ticket support.

A joint survey by CNN and USA Today says 15 per cent of voters report they are less likely to back Bush because of Quayle. Only eight per cent say they are more likely to vote Republican because of him.

Denied

A Newsweek poll, which gave Bush a 51-42 per cent lead over Dukakis, reported on Saturday 36 per cent said the choice of Quayle made them more likely to vote Republican while 33 per cent said it made them less likely.

What remains to be seen is whether the issue will fade or permanently damage the ticket because first impressions are the hardest to change.

"This is a terrible, terrible time for this to have occurred," Republican strategist Edward Rollins said. "When someone goes from zero name identification as Dan Quayle did on Tuesday to 100 per cent name identification in three days and the first impressions are negative it's a terrible distraction."

At a Friday news conference Quayle, a hawk on defence matters, denied pulling strings to get into the home-based National

Guard in 1969 when thousands of Americans were fighting in Vietnam.

"I did not ask anybody to break the rules and as far as I know nobody did break the rules," he said. "I got in fairly."

Republicans hope the performance was good enough to lay the matter to rest and erase memories of Quayle's fumbling efforts to defend himself earlier in the week.

For better or worse, the rival tickets are now set for the 11-week race for the White House.

Bush, the loyal lieutenant to President Reagan for two terms, will stand proudly behind the administration's record and argue that a shift to the Democrats would undo the president's successes.

Support

"Two parties this year ask for your support. Both will speak of growth and peace," Bush said in his Thursday night speech. "But only one has proved it can deliver."

Dukakis argues that the Reagan administration turned its back on the average American and minorities, promoted policies that encouraged greed and wasted billions of dollars on an inefficient defence buildup.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1514 — Selim I, Sultan of Turkey, defeats Shah Ismail of Persia at Tchaldiran.
- 1628 — Duke of Buckingham, about to embark at Portsmouth, England, with further expedition to La Rochelle, France, is assassinated by John Felton.
- 1775 — England's King George II proclaims existence of open rebellion in American colonies.
- 1813 — French are defeated by German Army under Friedrich von Bulow, preventing march of Berlin.
- 1839 — Hong Kong is taken by British in war with China.
- 1908 — Abdul Aziz of Morocco is defeated at Marrakesh by Mulai Hafid, the new Sultan.
- 1927 — Nahas Pasha becomes leader of the Wafd in Egypt.
- 1937 — Japanese military forces land at Shanghai, China.
- 1944 — Allied troops in France capture port of Marseilles in World War II.
- 1952 — Arab League Security Pact goes into effect.
- 1958 — China begins bombardment of island of Quemoy.
- 1962 — US Telstar satellite relays first live television programme between United States and Europe.
- 1964 — Foot bridge collapses over River George in Venezuela, and 29 people fall to their deaths in rapids below.
- 1975 — Communists complete takeover of Laos.
- 1986 — Leaders of nine southern African nations, meeting in Angola, express support for international economic sanctions against South Africa.
- 1987 — Iraqi warplanes bomb key Iranian petrochemical complex of Bandar Khomeini.

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America's second lady, wife and mother first

Baker

ORLEANS, (Reuters): George Bush's wife, Barbara, says her role as wife is all-important — remain so even if a victory in November sends her into the White

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lady or not, Barbara sees no need for a rhapsody. "Of all, I'd hope to be and mother I've always said Mrs Bush, a 63- mother of five and other of 10, when asked late on her role. "be just the same as I've throughout George's career," she said in

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ted by Reuters.

At 17, Barbara Pierce, a publisher's daughter, was swept off her feet at a Christmas dance by a dashing young student. This year, the Bushes are celebrating 43 years of marriage.

Mrs Bush, a stout woman whose shock of white hair makes her look older than her tall, trim husband, has set up house in 17 cities over the years as Bush moved from job to job — from Texas oilman to US ambassador to the United Nations and then to China, and as head of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

According to friends, Barbara Bush is a good-natured, warm person with a lively sense of humour, a tendency to speak bluntly and a disarming ability to make jokes at her own expense, particularly about her appearance.

Asked why in 1970 she stopped colouring her hair, which turned white at 35, Mrs Bush said:

"Because I think there are two things that are really bor-

ing. Hair and feet. And I don't spend a lot of time on either one of them. I do my own hair. When I used to dye my hair you couldn't run your hand through it. I mean there were all sorts of problems. It turned green in the sun," she told a newspaper.

In an interview two years ago, however, she admitted there was a problem. "The truth is, I wish I hadn't let my hair go white. It makes me look older than George," she said.

Barbara Bush may be insecure about her appearance but she has no such qualms when it comes to speaking her mind.

At times, it raises eyebrows. During the 1984 campaign, for example, she described Geraldine Ferraro, the democratic vice-presidential nominee, as a "four-million-dollar... I can't say it, but it rhymes with rich."

And commenting on public affection between democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis and his wife Kitty, Mrs Bush told ABC news she disliked "faking it."



Barbara Bush: unconcerned about her appearance but known for speaking her mind. During the 1984 campaign she described Geraldine Ferraro, the Democratic vice-presidential nominee, as a "four-million-dollar... I can't say it, but it rhymes with rich."

She is equally outspoken when it comes to extolling her husband's virtues.

Asked whether she thought he would make a good president, she said: "You bet he would. The very best. He's the strongest, wisest, most experienced, most caring man ever to run for the office."

The adoration appears to be mutual — although, unlike the Reagans, they are not demonstrative in public. Bush says marrying her was "the thing I did right."

Policy

"I have, as all of you who know her now, been lucky in a mate," Bush told a Dallas audience in a campaign speech in July. "Barbara and I met at a dance. I was 18, she was 17."

"Usually you devote your teenage years to doing things wrong, but Barbara's the thing I did right," he said.

Mrs Bush, in her written answers, acknowledged she discusses policy issues with George, but added, "I don't give him advice. He has lots of genuine

experts to give him that."

An avid campaigner — either with Bush or other family members or alone — Mrs Bush has a few agenda items of her own she says she would expand as first lady.

"I would continue to work for a more literate America and I would like to broaden my focus to our nation's children," she said.

Mrs Bush has made the fight against illiteracy a major focus of her eight years as second lady. Her interest in literacy problems was sparked by discovery that son Neil was dyslexic.

She works with several groups promoting reading and is an active crusader against cancer — a quest that began with the death of one of their six children, daughter Robin, from leukemia at the age of three.

Their other children are George Jr., 42, Jeb, 35, Neil, 33, Marvin, 31, and Dorothy, 29. All are married and they have presented the Bushes with 10 grandchildren.

India's dowry system causing fiery deaths

By Clifford J. Levy

NEW DELHI, (UPI): Dinesh sobbed in the crowded government office as she described six years of abuse by her husband for resisting his demands that she pay more money for the honour of marriage.

"He kept telling me the dowry was insufficient," cried the thin 31-year-old housewife, clad in a worn purple sari.

"I was always afraid of my life. First he gave me electric shocks, and when I thought he planned to set me on fire, I fled."

Counsellors at the police department's crimes against women division said Dinesh was lucky.

Dowry deaths are on the increase throughout India. Experts say the phenomenon is spreading from urban to rural areas, from the Hindi-speaking north to the south and from the majority Hindu community to minority Muslims and Christians.

The last nationwide statistics, compiled in 1986, recorded 1,319 suspected bride-burning fatalities, a 33 per cent increase from 990 the previous year. But activists contend bride burning is grossly under-reported and has been steadily on the rise.

"It's really alarming," said Yamin Hazarika of Crimes Against Women. "These are human lives we're dealing with. And it's gradually increasing. There's no doubt about that."

The premeditated crime is performed every day in kitchens across India.

Colluding

Husbands or colluding family members usually tie up and pour kerosene over the victim, who typically wears a flowing sari of combustible cloth and is transformed into a human fireball with the touch of a match.

Reports of housewives dying from burns suffered in a "cooking accident" frequently appear. Women's rights activists say most of these are dowry

Dowry obligations were established thousands of years ago as a means of providing women with financial security when they married into a new family. The custom was gradually perverted and was outlawed in 1961, but remains rampant because of the social stigma of having an unmarried daughter.

deaths. Experts believe the upsurge in deaths is directly linked to the growth of India's increasingly materialistic middle-class, which has come to rely on the ancient tradition of dowry as a key means of advancement in a competitive society. "We're locked in an unequal battle between the growing influence of the acquisitive culture of the West and traditional norms," said Dr Usha Nayyar, a women's studies professor. "It has become almost imperative to keep up with the Jones."

Typical

Ultimately the problem is rooted in the lowly status of Indian women, who are considered such liabilities that families often raise dowries many times their annual earnings to marry off a daughter.

Fear of dowry obligations is believed partly responsible for a widespread urban middle class trend of sex-testing unborn children. One study found in abortions following pre-natal sex tests, 99 per cent of the aborted foetuses were female.

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remains rampant because of the social stigma of having an unmarried daughter.

The typical dowry price paid by a middle class family in New Delhi is about Rs 100,000 (\$7,200), in cash and goods such as refrigerators, video recorders and motor scooters.

For this largesse, an Indian man will agree to marry. However, his demands often do not cease after the wedding. And if the wife's family is unwilling or unable to meet these requests, the husband often concludes the only way to a larger dowry is a new spouse.

In a country where marriage severs a woman from her family and a divorced or separated female is scorned as a fallen woman, a wife usually suffers any abuse from her husband or in-laws in silence.

"Some investigators have shown that even before the crime was committed, the women complained to their parents and fled back home," Nayyar said. "But they're sent right back, for fear of public shame."

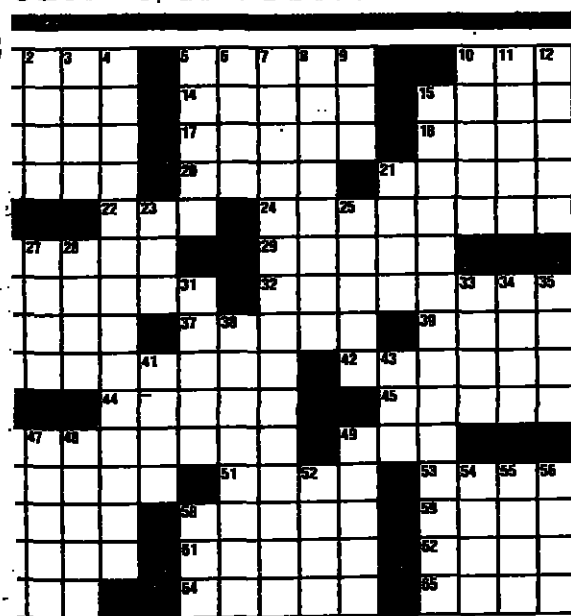
The legal system also has proven inadequate in combating dowry-related fatalities. Activists estimate less than 10 per cent of them are investigated. Prosecutions are even rarer.

"Because cases are within the privacy of the family, it is next to impossible to collect evidence," said Vilma Mehra, Crimes Against Women director. "Everybody is reticent to talk, both the family and friends and neighbours."

"Human rights workers and local authorities have created sanctuaries for potential victims and begun education campaigns. Instead of stemming fatalities, the programmes have only led to an increase in reported cases."

Women are becoming more knowledgeable about their rights, but activists say dowry deaths will plague Indian society until women are given greater work opportunities to break their economic reliance upon men.

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Opening lead: Jack of ♦

We came across this rather amusing hand while indulging in our favorite pastime—a game of rubber bridge at the club. It provides no major lesson except that, when you know where you want to play the hand, get there as expeditiously as possible.

North-South were using weak two-bids. North was full value for his jump to game. An eight-card fit is the required minimum for play at

a suit contract, and North knew that one existed. At this vulnerability, South had to have a reasonable six-card suit for his weak two-bid, so a low doubleton was adequate support. And North certainly had the high-card values on the side to compensate for any trump sparsity.

West's opening diamond lead was won in dummy, and a club was led to the queen, king and ace. West shifted to the jack of spades, taken by the ace. Declarer discarded a spade on the ace of diamonds, ruffed a spade, felling the king in the process, and then ruffed a club on the table.

The queen of spades was ruffed by East and overruffed by declarer, and another club was ruffed. East overruffed with the jack and shifted back to a diamond, ruffed by declarer with the ten. Now declarer cashed the ace of hearts and exited with the queen. East won the king, but he was down to only two diamonds. His forced diamond return gave declarer access to the board's high diamonds which he could not achieve on his own, and which provided a parking spot for South's last club. In all, declarer scored five trump tricks in hand and a club ruff in dummy, three diamonds and the ace of spades.



"I remember when you could get a bag of groceries for 30 cents."

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
You should use a little more commonsense and show much more goodwill towards others. You will have some personal success but must not allow it to go to your head. Spend less time on the phone. Be sensible.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
You will have some success with something you have set out to do, but not as much as you had hoped you would have. You should not allow your emotions to run away with you. Make sure you take greater care whilst driving.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**
You will be able to do something to improve your financial state. You should not place too much reliance on others nor should you let anyone down. Do not rely on guesswork. Be adaptable.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**
Do not allow some small matter to grow out of all proportion. You should not get quite so set in your ways. You will be more able to enjoy life. Do not think you know all the answers or have nothing more to learn. Be reasonable.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
You will have some good ideas but others may not understand what you have in mind. Never mind. You will be able to make use of some of them. You should not lose sight of your objectives. Be patient.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
This is going to be a good day for you only you must not act on impulse. Do not allow yourself to be sidetracked. Do not let others stand in your light. Be responsive.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
This is going to be a most busy day for you so do not allow your attention to stray. You will tend to get tired rather easily and should try to conserve your energies. You will not have much difficulty dealing with your obstacles.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**
You should not resist change but nor should you make changes just for the sake of change. You will have a better idea of what needs to be done. You will be able to take a more positive approach. Be reasonable.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**
You will be able to do something to improve your financial state. You should not place too much reliance on others nor should you let anyone down. Do not rely on guesswork. Be adaptable.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
You will have a busy day so stick to what is essential. Do not delay making up your mind. Work hard but also allow yourself enough time and energy to enjoy yourself. Be less belligerent.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**
This is going to be an interesting day for you but you will have to work harder than usual. You will find the solution to a problem that has been bothering you. You should make sure you get all the rest you need. Be alert.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
You should not pretend to knowledge you have not got. Similarly you would be wrong to try to do things by bluff. Do not take everything quite literally. Be more selective.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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By Georgina Gold

TOP beauties such as towering Texas model Jerry Hall and soap opera star Victoria Principal have more in common than good looks alone...

Alongside other famous faces like gorgeous pouting British singer Kim Wilde they know the secrets of the makeup box.

They may have been blessed with more than their fair share of natural beauty, but they have certainly learned how to make the best of themselves.

Jerry's famous cheekbones are beautifully highlighted with blusher and Kim's use of lipstick has helped her perfect her famous Bardesque pout.

Good news

And the good news is that with a little help and advice from the professionals you too can bring out your own natural beauty. Using the right make-up equipment and routine you can make yourself up to look like a million dollars. Knowing just what brushes to use and where can make all the difference to your appearance.

You may have given up the search for your cheekbones years ago but don't despair. While you may not—and sadly never will—have the chiselled features of top Paris models, help is at hand.

The thing to remember is the success of any make-up job depends largely on the equipment you use.

Take a tip from the experts and use only professional equipment—taking short cuts on costs will only show in the end result. Choose a selection of long handled brushes of different sizes that will stop your make-up session from becoming a hit-and-miss affair.

The best tools would be expensive if you were to rush out and buy them all at once. But if you build up your collection gradually you won't notice the cost. And they are a good investment.

Most of them are unbreakable and with regular care will last a lifetime.

Sets of brushes are not really a good idea as most women use only one or two out of a pack of five or six. Buy brushes individually, choosing ones that you know you will use.

Shop around before spending your money. You could find that an artist's supplies shop has the best selection of brushes at the best price.

Whether you buy from such a shop or from a chemist or large store, make sure that your brushes are made of real hair or sable and that they are very soft.

Spatula—For taking creams and lotions out of jars and con-

How to put on your best possible face



Brush up on your technique: using the right make-up equipment and routine can make you look good

tainers. It is not recommended to use your fingers for this. No matter how clean you might think your hands are, there could be germs lurking about that would introduce bacteria to the container.

Cotton buds—Have a multitude of uses and are invaluable on any dressing table. Use them for removing spidged mascara, creeping eyeshadow, running lipstick or any other accident that occurs while making-up.

Sponges—For applying foundation and liquid blushers. Choose either natural or rubber sponges as you prefer. They usually come in packs of four or five.

Puffs—For applying loose powder, powder blusher, shiner and some kinds of concealer, they also come in packs of four or five.

Eyelash curler—An undervalued piece of beauty equipment, this simple, scissors-like tool makes all the difference to your eyes. Squeeze the lashes between the rubber pads, hold for about ten seconds and release.

The upper lashes will have curled up beautifully, making

them more prominent. Ideal for women with short or sparse lashes or for those who can't wear mascara because of allergies, the curler can also be used by mascara wearers as long as the mascara is applied after curling.

If mascara is applied before curling the curler will stick to the lashes and pull them out when it is removed.

Pencil sharpener—Many of today's eye and lip colours come in pencil form, so a sharpener is a must. A good point is necessary on all your pencils to prevent the skin from snagging and becoming irritated.

Tweezers—Keep your eyebrows in shape. Pluck a few stragglers every couple of days rather than tackling a lot every fortnight. It is less painful that way.

A spray bottle—You'll find one of these in a gardening shop as they are often used for misting house plants. Fill it with pure spring water and use it to cover your skin with a delicate mist. Used before make-up, a mist of spring water will moisturise your skin and give it a healthy bloom. Used after make-up the water will set your

make-up and make it last all day.

Scarf or headband—To tie back your hair and prevent it from getting tangled in your make-up.

Tissues—Choose the soft, facial kind. Economy tissues are not economic in the long run as they contain tiny fibres which can damage fine facial skin. Use them to blot your foundation or lipstick and to remove any excess.

Plastic beaker—To stand all your brushes in.

Plastic box with compartments—To store all the other bits and pieces. Make sure that it has a close fitting lid so that dust and dirt cannot get into it.

Mirror—A fixed mirror and a hand-held one should be used when making up, the fixed mirror to view the overall effect and the hand one for close-ups.

For good results your tools must be kept immaculately clean. Dirty brushes and sponges are often the cause of infection.

Women who suffer from allergies are particularly at risk as they can reinfect themselves by using the same equipment after they have got over an attack.

The same goes for your cosmetics bag and the area where you normally make-up. Split powder, dust and stray hairs accumulate in these areas with alarming speed and create a haven for bacteria.

Wash brushes every week with warm water and a mild soap or shampoo. Rinse thoroughly and lay on a towel to dry. Stand them in their container in a draught to air for 24 hours before use.

Wash spatula after every use if made of plastic and store in a dust-free envelope or container. If you use the wooden kind they should be thrown away after two or three uses.

Cotton buds are disposable, so don't economise. Use them once and throw them away.

Make-up sponges and puffs have a certain lifespan that cannot be exceeded. Depending on use, you could get a month or six weeks out of them.

Wash them frequently—sponges after every use, puffs after every second or third use. Once they start to wear or get tatty throw them out and use a fresh one.

On your eyelash curler the little rubber pads that come in contact with the lashes will perish in time.

When this happens they must be replaced as the curler cannot be used without them.

Most curlers are sold with replacement rubber pads included. Put these away carefully as you may not need them for years.

Voluntary organisation promises new lease of life to fallen women

Rescued from the brothel

By Dev Varam

BOMBAY, India, (Reuters): Petite Heera Yadav, 19, looked the typical blushing bride, draped in red and gold silk and all the elaborate finery a traditional Indian wedding demands.

Yadav was a prostitute, sold to a Bombay brothel when she was 16. She spent the next three years a virtual prisoner in the red light areas of India's commercial capital.

Her future looked bleak until a voluntary organisation called Savdhan set her free and helped arrange her marriage.

"I am very happy I have come out of that filth and married the man I have loved," Yadav said, watching her new husband proudly.

Rajbhadra Yadav, 25, visited Heera as a customer, but found himself falling in love.

"After listening to Heera's story I resolved that I should somehow take her out of the brothel and marry her," he said. "After nearly losing all hope, I approached Savdhan who readily agreed to help us."

Story

Heera Yadav's story had been little different from those of thousands of other women who are stuck in the city's flesh trade. She was lured to the city from a remote village in north-eastern India by a man who then sold her to a brothel.

She is among 400 prostitutes rescued from Bombay's brothels and rehabilitated by Savdhan since 1982. 82 of them are now married.

"We act only when a woman seeks our help. We struggle in a form to get her consent and then organise a police raid to bring her out of the brothel," said Savdhan organiser Vinod Gupta, 60.

"The popular Hindu religious epic Ramayan revolves round Sita, the abducted goddess, whose rescue led to the destruction of an entire demon empire," Gupta said.

"But what is our society doing for thousands of women held captive in Bombay's brothels?"

There are about 100,000 prostitutes in Bombay, half of them in the notorious brothel district of Kamalapur, according to Savdhan. Some are sold into prostitution by their families but most end up in the business through economic necessity.

"The problem is immense but we are doing our bit by



Heera Yadav (left), sold into prostitution at 16, was rescued by Rajbhadra, who fell in love with her as a customer and later married her. She is one of the 400 prostitutes rehabilitated by Savdhan, a voluntary organisation dedicated to helping fallen women escape Bombay's brothels.

rescuing some of them, arranging marriages for them and creating an awareness in society about the need to help the fallen women," Gupta said.

Savdhan makes sure that marriages of rescued prostitutes are attended by prominent citizens, top government and police officials and the press.

Its critics accuse Gupta of failing to follow up once the wedding is over.

Failed

Gupta admits a few marriages have failed, but denies any of the rehabilitated women have returned to their old profession.

"You can see for yourself," Gupta said, waving to a salesgirl in a nearby textile shop run by Savdhan.

Manju, 25, said her marriage arranged by Savdhan had worked quite well for the past four years.

Manju lives in a slum area and said the people there had accepted her.

Bombay prostitutes are also learning to fight for themselves. The helpless and neglected women's forum, run by pro-

stitutes, battles harassment by police and local gangsters.

A forum adviser, I.S. Gilada, said there were no effective rehabilitation schemes for prostitutes willing to break away from the profession.

"Prostitutes can be accepted, married or not, only if they become economically independent. There are no schemes available for them as in the case of the handicapped," Gilada said.

He said prostitutes were illiterate and unskilled, and if society rejected their attempts to start a new life their only option could be to return to selling their bodies.

Despite the criticism, Savdhan's reputation has spread throughout India, prompting several applications for young men willing to marry former prostitutes.

"Your organisation has given a new lease of life to scores of fallen women. I have decided to marry one such girl," wrote a 20-year-old from Rajasthan state.

"I promise I will not disappoint you or the girl," he added in the letter, charged with apparent idealism.

Feet are not just slaves

By Marie-Dominique Follain

PARIS (AFP): Did you know that the average pair of feet walks around the Earth three times in their owner's lifetime? Your feet do a lot for you, and they deserve the very best care and attention.

The foot is a marvel of architecture, made up of 26 bones, 33 joints, 107 ligaments, 19 muscles and countless nerve endings.

"We wouldn't get far without our feet, yet we so often neglect them."

Whether you have a Greek foot (second toe longer than the big toe), an Egyptian foot (characterised by a big toe longer than the second toe) or a square foot (all the toes are the same length), be sure to wear comfortable, well-fitting shoes.

If you try to squeeze into the wrong-sized shoes, your toes will be cramped and you will be plagued with corns and calluses.

Avoid shoes made of synthetic materials: because they don't let feet "breathe," they can be the cause of hot, swollen, uncomfortable feet.

And don't spend the day in bedroom slippers—lack of support can rob the muscles of your feet of their elasticity.

Leather shoes are the best choice because they allow perspiration to evaporate and because they adapt to your foot's shape. To avoid stretching the Achilles tendon, it's best to select shoes with a little bit of heel.

But stay away from stiletto heels: anything higher than seven centimeters can cause back pain.

Whenever possible, take your shoes off and walk barefoot—at home, at the



Your feet and hands say a lot about you and deserve good grooming.

beach, or on grass. After exercising, wash your feet with a specially formulated cream or gel. Avoid using ordinary soaps, which are too drying.

Wash your feet carefully every morning or evening. Dry your toes one-by-one, as dampness between them encourages athlete's foot and other fungus

infections. Don't forget to use a deodorant or anti-perspirant on your feet and cut your toenails once a week.

Make a point of exercising your feet for three minutes each day. Walk about the house in tip-toes. Balance yourself on the outer edges of your feet and

walk around the room. Sit down, place a rubber ball beneath your feet, and roll it back and forth, gripping it with your toes.

And when your feet are tired and aching, treat them to a soothing footbath. You'll feel refreshed and energised all over.

Long nails can hinder rise to the top

By Melissa Sones

NEW YORK, (UPI): Extra long fingernails, also known as "dragon-lady claws," "shovels," "witchy nails" or "claws," can apparently be an occupational snag on the ladder to big-time professional success.

"You'll never see long nails on my elegant customers," said Jessica Vartoughian, who manures Nancy Reagan every four to seven weeks. "It's very improper."

"Very, very long nails are not really in fashion now," said Josephine Allen, who manures model agency magnate Eileen Ford once a week. "It's out."

The same goes for men, says Lia Schorr, who owns a Manhattan skin-care salon catering to men.

"I don't think anyone's nails, no matter what they do, should be too long," says Schorr. "You can't do your work. I don't think it's attractive and I don't think it's classy."

Lethal-looking nail lengths aren't the only hazard when it comes to office politics.

"They try to do fashion on nails with designs and finger paint," says Allen. "You find clients I serve are very business-like. They don't want that on their nails. It's too loud."

Besides, dragon-lady claws with graffiti designs and diamond studs may say something else about you.

"It's a point of attention and of insecurity," says Vartoughian, who also grooms the talons of actresses Linda Gray and Morgan Fairchild.

But after deadly lengths and pop-art polish, experts and executives say anything goes, provided your nails are well groomed.

The one exception is the pitch



Get professional help for all-round care

black polish cherished by would-be rock stars and devoted fans.

"It does nothing but make you look unattractive. You have to be very young," says Vartoughian.

Myths

The myths surrounding red nail polish, especially the one that connotes air head, also bug female executives.

"I'm taken very seriously," says Helen Gurley Brown, editor of Cosmopolitan magazine, whose nails are long and sometimes red.

"Witness (advertising executive) Mary Wells Lawrence of Wells, Rich, Greene and Ivana Trump who's a real workaholic," she said. "It's a cliché to think if you're stylish and you wear pretty clothes you're a fluff-head."

Nevertheless, the notion prevails among those who dress top executives. Emily Cho, a well-known image consultant, says red nails can be a flag to the boss.

The biggest faux-pas for a lady on her way up is bad nail grooming, according to Ford, who loves to tell the story that changed her nail habits.

"It was many years ago," she said. "I went to a party where Vogue had their offices." "I met the man who was head of the magazine who looked at my hands with their chipped nails. He said, 'My dear, your nails

should be manicured and so should your toenails."

"Let me say one thing about nails. It's unfortunate to go without a manicure if you're an executive and it's unfortunate if you're any woman."

Brown doesn't believe that faulty fingernails will keep you from landing a job but she had her own story to tell.

"I never had nails before and suddenly from having had stubby stubs I kept neat and clean but not well-shaped I decided to have fingernails," he said. "I'm talking little wisps of fingernails. It's thrilling."

Not all working women are thrilled. While Brown "has somebody come to me every ten days," Carol Edwards, an executive with the Dallas Market Centre, has her nails done only for important business or social occasions.

"I don't have the time to sit around and have my nails pampered," she said.

Sitting around for manicure, however, is the motivation for others.

"It's where I spend my lunch hour," said Ford. "It's where I dictate my letters and it's the only place people don't call me."

In style now are medium-length nails with clear polish. Also popular are French nails, which involve painting the tips with white or beige polish then covering the entire nail with a coat of sheer pink or white. Sculptured nails are also a favourite, in which acrylic is used to create a new nail.

For those going it at home, manicurists recommend buying a soft emery board, a cuticle nipper, a Hindu stone to help push cuticles back, cuticle cream and polish remover.

Vartoughian recommended soaking hands in soapy water first, then file, shaping only the top and keeping the sides as they are, massage with cuticle cream and push back cuticles, taking care not to tear them.

When polishing, use four coats—a base, two coats of polish and a top coat—and let each coat dry before applying another. Nails should be re-polished every 10 days to two weeks.

Oestrogen therapy useful in halting bone loss for women

WOMEN who object to taking hormones can be reassured that hormone replacement therapy (HRT) is exactly what it says: it replaces the natural hormones that are no longer produced after the menopause.

Doctors used to be reluctant to prescribe hormones for menopausal symptoms. But now many physicians hope to persuade postmenopausal women to take them for several years. Why? Because HRT can protect a woman's bones for the rest of her life.

Replacement of the oestrogen lost after the ovaries cease to function prevents osteoporosis, the brittle bone disease affecting all postmenopausal women.

Women in later life are highly likely to break their bones because of osteoporosis, a progressive condition involving loss of bone density.

By the age of 70, a woman may have lost one-third of her bone mass. Loss of height and a hump back are visible signs of osteoporosis. Older people are often unsteady on their feet but an old lady who falls is far more likely than a man to break a thigh bone or a wrist because her bones are thinner.

In terms of pain, long-term disability, and premature death (one in seven women with fractured femurs die within three months) the cost is immeasurable.

Develops

Osteoporosis develops slowly and secretly. It may not cause trouble until 10 to 15 years after the menopause. The disease is irreversible, but it can be halted at any stage.

Better, however, to prevent it by starting HRT as soon as the ovaries fail. Not all women are at the same risk of osteoporosis—black women, for instance, are at lower risk than white women—and scientists are looking for ways to predict which women are most in need of protection.

Many people believe that osteoporosis is due to lack of calcium, but this is not so. Taking calcium supplements or drinking milk containing extra calcium will not prevent bone loss.

At present, oestrogen therapy is the only way to avoid post-menopausal osteoporosis since oestrogen stimulates the boneforming cells.

In 1975 there was a scare when women on oestrogen therapy were found to be at higher risk of endometrial cancer (cancer of the lining of the womb).

The combination of another sex hormone, progestagen, with oestrogen has eliminated the cancer risk. The latest evidence is that women taking the combined treatment have a lower risk of endometrial cancer than non-HRT users. A further benefit is that oestrogen seems to protect women against coronary heart disease.

Courses

The usual course of treatment is a small dose of natural (not synthetic) oestrogen daily with a progestagen pill on 12 days of each 28-day cycle. This usually brings on menstrual-like bleeding. Oestrogen (but not progestagen) can also be given in a skin patch or as a vaginal cream.

Women who have had a hysterectomy do not need the protection of progestagen. A few women, such as those with some forms of liver disease or breast cancer, cannot safely take HRT.

The symptoms for which HRT was originally prescribed have tended to be forgotten—except by the women who have them. Hot flushes and night sweats can make life miserable for a menopausal woman, and a dry vagina can ruin her sex life.

HRT puts an end to these distressing symptoms and restores self-confidence.

Women's Health Concern in the UK can testify to this misery. Thousands of menopausal women seek their help and they are enthusiastic about HRT.

But the charity warns that HRT is not a cure-all. Many women in their forties and fifties face emotional and practical difficulties—children leaving home, ailing elderly parents, marital troubles, and so on—that have nothing to do with a lack of oestrogen.

If a woman keeps herself physically fit by eating well and taking regular exercise, and receives support from family and friends, then HRT can help her into a healthy old age.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Saddam changes some of his economic policies

Businessmen seek orders for Iraqi projects

BAGHDAD, Aug 22, (AP): As Iraq prepares to rebuild after the Iran-Iraq war, companies based in Asia, West Europe and the United States are already jostling for what could be some very big business.

South Korean businessmen are pouring into Iraq's capital in hopes of winning orders for major construction projects. Japan is also expected to be particularly active in seeking business.

At a recent Baghdad trade fair, 26 US firms had display stands. And several West European companies are already at work on major construction projects.

The South Koreans have been showing vigour and determination to have the lion's share in Iraq's reconstruction effort, said a diplomat in Baghdad, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi officials have said that they would look favourably on

companies and countries that maintained business with Iraq during the Gulf war, and which agreed to defer payments and reschedule debts.

"The Koreans have maintained business with Iraq during the hard times, and deferred major loans until the war came to an end," the diplomat said. "They expect the Iraqis to reward them for their loyalty."

Several West European companies have also continued to do business with Iraq during the war.

Britain's Paterson Candy International is helping build a \$1-billion irrigation scheme west of Baghdad, and a West German-Italian irrigation consortium is building the \$1.7-billion Saddam Dam on the Euphrates river. Italy's Saipem Group has won a \$1.4-billion contract to build an oil pipeline from Iraq across Saudi Arabia.

When the war started, Iraq was investing billions of oil

dollars in an ambitious development plan that included steel, petrochemical, fertilizer and car plants and massive water, road and housing projects.

Losses Iraq had refused to give figures on its losses in the war, either human or economic. But foreign estimates put the cost of just rebuilding the country's war-damaged transport facilities, oil installations, housing, factories, schools and hospitals at \$30 billion.

Damage to oil installations alone from bombing and shelling attacks have amounted to \$8 billion, according to an estimate by Kiyotaki Tsuji of the Japanese Institute of Middle East Economic Studies.

In recent years, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has changed some of his economic policies, pushing privatisation rather than the socialist central planning and government control that prevailed before the war.

Last week, for example, the Iraqi government said the country's seven major hotels, its biggest restaurants and other tourist facilities will be sold off or leased to the private sector.

Contractors South Korean corporations were the prime contractors for many of Iraq's suspended projects, including power plants, refineries, highways, pipelines and ports. Immediately after Iraq and Iran agreed to a ceasefire after eight years of fighting, Korea's major construction companies hastily dispatched their chief executives to Baghdad.

One ghost from the war hanging around the reconstruction banquet is Iraq's foreign debt, pegged at \$60 billion. But since Iraq has oil reserves second only to Saudi Arabia's, businessmen seem ready to overlook this.

Diplomats said they expect the Iraqis to continue to defer some of their debts by seeking new

credits as they repay old ones. France, West Germany, Italy and Japan have already rescheduled billions of dollars in loans.

France, Iraq's second-largest arms supplier after the Soviet Union, has extended about \$5 billion in credit for weapons purchases.

Confidence A South Korean businessman expressed confidence in Iraq's postwar economy.

"Assuming oil prices hold steady, revenues from oil are projected to reach around \$14 billion this year," he said, speaking on condition he not be identified.

Looking further ahead, the country's revenues could be \$20 billion in the early 1990s," he said.

Japanese companies have begun lobbying for major post-war contracts, raising the prospect of very tough competition between the two Asian powers at

the same time that West European and American companies are becoming more active in the contest.

The South Korean companies left their offices open in Iraq during the war and kept their equipment in the country, hoping to return and do business here.

Potential "We have always been able to distinguish between wartime Iraq... and Iraq of the next century, with its great economic potential," the South Korean said.

US companies are seeking a big part of Iraq's reconstruction business. Washington restored financing to Iraq from its Export-Import Bank last year, after withdrawing it in 1987 when Baghdad stopped debt repayments.

US-Iraqi trade, estimated last year at more than \$700 million, is expected to swell when the fighting ends.

World Business Summary

Yugoslavia facing one of its hardest times: official

BELGRADE, Aug 22, (Reuters): The president of Yugoslavia's biggest mass political organisation has said that Yugoslavia's economic crisis would reach boiling point this autumn. "The coming autumn months will be exceptionally difficult," Bozidar Colakovic, president of the mass party Socialist Alliance, said in an interview in the daily newspaper Borba today. "Perhaps they will be the most difficult in the (Yugoslav) post-war period," he said. Yugoslavia is in the throes of a major economic crisis, including 190 per cent inflation, a \$21 billion foreign debt and widespread strikes and street protests. The announcement by Prime Minister Branko Mikulic in May of a new austerity programme to free prices and curb wages caused huge protests. Earlier this month petrol prices rose by 40 per cent, domestic railway fares by 70 per cent and telecommunication services by 28.1 per cent. Prices for consumer goods have been soaring daily. New labour unrest is expected in September when many Yugoslav enterprises return from vacation. The authorities are also battling nationalist unrest among rival ethnic groups in Yugoslavia's federated republics. Colakovic said that there was no way to soften the blow for workers in Yugoslavia's many loss-making enterprises. "Those who think that appeals will be able to stop this army of the revolt are living in a delusion," Colakovic said. "And their revolt can have unpredictable consequences. "It is beyond doubt that an all-encompassing economic reform demands great sacrifices from those who have to carry the greatest burden for the reform."

Aramco records firm growth

RIYADH, Aug 22, (OPECNA): Aramco recorded strong growth in its development of Saudi Arabia's hydrocarbon resources last year despite fluctuations in the world oil market, according to Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Hisham M. Nazer. In a foreword to Aramco's 1987 annual report, the minister says that the company strengthened the kingdom's continued ability to meet local and international oil demand, both for the present and future. "Such achievements would not be possible without the government's sound planning and the eager co-operation of Aramco's management and personnel," he states. At the government's request, he says, Aramco last year expanded its search for hydrocarbons beyond current retained areas into concessions previously given up by the company.

Seismic crews spent much of the year working north and northwest of here and south and west of the "Kurais" field. The company also discovered new reserves of oil and gas in known fields, he says. Among Aramco's major achievements of 1987 was the commissioning of the east-west crude oil pipeline expansion from the eastern province oilfields to the Red Sea export terminal at Yanbu. The development effectively increased the pipeline's capacity from 1.85 million to 3.2 million BPD. In addition, Aramco's capacity to produce non-associated gas rose to 1.7 billion cu. ft per day, providing eastern province industries with a steady supply of fuel gas and feedstock.

During the year, Aramco completed 26 oil wells, comprising 21 development wells and five for exploratory purposes. Towards the end of the year, the company was operating four rigs for development and exploration and three for workover activities. Saudi Arabia has the world's largest reserves of crude oil, most of which is located in fields managed by Aramco. Recoverable reserves of these fields amount to a conservative estimate of 167.4 billion barrels of oil and 141.8 trillion cu. ft of gas. The company continued to develop its training programmes in 1987 and helped local manufacturers qualify as approved Aramco suppliers through the provision of technical assistance and guidance.

New American president could modify Reagan farm plan

WASHINGTON, Aug 22, (Reuters): President Reagan's proposal for a world trade pact to scrap all the subsidies that nations pay their farmers is unlikely to survive intact after he leaves office next January.

That would please the European Economic Community, which pays huge handouts. Nations that cannot afford to do that, and whose farmers suffer when subsidised surpluses hit world prices, may be less enthusiastic.

But trade policy analysts from both US political parties said neither George Bush nor Michael Dukakis was likely to drop a commitment at Geneva trade talks at least to cut the handouts.

"Mike Dukakis does not think the president's goal of eliminating all subsidies is realistic or desirable," said an aide to the Democratic presidential nominee.

"He does not want to abandon the American farmer in a market that is neither free nor fair," the aide said.

Subsidies

Republican Vice-President George Bush has supported Reagan in his controversial bid to dismantle farm subsidies completely.

But Bush is not expected to adhere with such tenacity to "zero-2000" — Reagan's proposal at the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to lift all subsidies by the year 2000.

"Bush will probably still embrace the target and concept but negotiate to come up with something less than that," said consultant William Leshner, who was an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture earlier in the Reagan administration.

"It's inconceivable that the 'zero-2000' approach can be maintained after the election," a British diplomat said.

The European Economic Community and the United States agreed when they launched the Uruguay round of GATT trade talks in 1986 that subsidies added to surplus production and that the cost of them swells their own budget deficits.

But the two big exporters of grain have not agreed on how far and how fast to cut subsidies and open markets.

Reagan, fearful his ultimate goal of no subsidies would be abandoned if negotiators simply tinkered with trade policies, has refused to modify it. The EEC calls it unreal and instead proposes a subsidy freeze followed by gradual cuts.

Bank loans total KD912.4m

A REPORT issued by the Savings and Credit Bank shows that loans granted to citizens last month totalled KD8.4 million, KD7.8 million of which were real estate loans.

The report shows the bank approved 208 real estate loans last month with a value of KD9.7 million, which included 184 loans to build or buy new houses. The bank also approved 289 loans totalling KD578,000 for citizens who want to get married.

The report shows that the bank collected KD2.7 million in loan repayments. The total amount of loans to citizens reached KD912.4 million up to the end of July.

Interest rate fears grow

British inflation heading for 6pc level

LONDON, Aug 22: Fears that the inflation rate will be above six per cent by the end of the year — compared with a budget forecast of four per cent — were confirmed on Friday with the announcement that the July rate rose to 4.8 per cent, the highest for 2 1/2 years. August's figure will go above five per cent because of the recent mortgage rises, according to a London daily.

The building societies revealed that their loans totalled more than £5 billion last month for the first time, but there are now the first signs that borrowing is starting to ease.

The figures nevertheless show the extent to which the economy is overheating and demonstrate why mortgage and other interest rates have had to rise, and could still rise further.

Government figures show that the retail price index, measuring the cost of an average household's basket of goods and services, rose 0.1 per cent in July.

This brings the annual rate of inflation to 4.8 per cent compared with 4.6 per cent in the year

to June. It is the highest level since February, 1986, and double the low 2.4 per cent of July and August, 1986.

Prices usually fall or remain unchanged in July because of the summer sales and seasonal food costs.

In July last year the retail price index fell 0.1 per cent, while in July, 1986 prices fell 0.3 per cent.

This July's increase was due partly to higher prices for motor vehicles and insurance.

Motor tax and insurance rose by 2.5 per cent in July. Other increases included London taxi fares.

But the effect of the eight per cent increase in electricity prices and six per cent in gas prices also fed through in July. There was also a slight increase in the price of non-seasonal food, such as beer, which rose 1p a pint.

Sales

Summer sales, with price reductions in clothes and footwear, partly offset the overall increase, as did reduced prices

for seasonal foods such as salads. But July's figures do not include the increase in mortgage rates from about 9 3/4 to 11 1/2 per cent, caused by Chancellor Lawson's 3 1/2 per cent hike in base rate.

That should add at least another 0.7 per cent to August's index, sending inflation well above five per cent.

Friday's figures from the building societies show how their lending has soared this year with July's new mortgages totalling £5.43 billion compared with June's previous record of £4.92 billion.

But the value of loans promised for people who are still house-buying fell slightly and the societies' outstanding commitments at £13.7 billion, fell for the first time since December.

There is hope, therefore, that after the rush by unwed couples to catch the Aug 1 deadline for claiming extra tax relief, demand for loans may now fall as higher mortgage rates deter borrowing.

It is likely that this will contribute to a more moderate rate

of lending during the second half of the year," said Mark Boleat, director-general of the Building Societies Association.

The head of Barclaycard, Peter Ellwood, made a vigorous defence yesterday of accusations that it has fuelled the credit boom and responded to criticisms from Lawson, that credit cards are an expensive way of borrowing.

"Barclaycard is actually a relatively inexpensive way of borrowing over a short period," Ellwood said, claiming that 45 per cent of cardholders pay their bills within the month, thus incurring no interest charge.

He added that "most debt problems have little or nothing to do with bank credit cards but are linked to other types of loans and household bills such as rent, rates and electricity."

He also attacked the "myths" that credit card companies are quick to raise interest rates and slow to lower them, stating that Barclaycard has changed its rate only twice in three years — down to 1 3/4 per cent a month and now back to two per cent.

Inflation and soaring interest rates could push US into recession

WASHINGTON, Aug 22, (AP): The US economy is expected to remain buoyant through the Nov 8 presidential election, but inflation and rising interest rates could push the country into recession as early as next spring, some economists warn.

A few analysts are forecasting a downturn for next year, and many who aren't say it will take luck to avoid a recession.

Ironically, one of the things that has worried is that economic growth has been so robust lately. A boom in US export sales has helped push the nation's unemployment rate down to 14-year lows.

Faster The gross national product expanded at an annual rate of 3.1 per cent during the first six months of the year and there are indications that the economy may be growing even faster in the current July-September quarter.

This rapid growth in demand is beginning to push up against supply restraints because of tight labour markets and high operating rates in many industries. This often translates into rising inflationary pressures as workers demand higher wages and businesses boost product prices.

To nip inflation before it gets out of hand, the Federal Reserve since late March has pushed up interest rates to dampen demand. Earlier this month, it boosted its discount rate one-half percentage point to 6.5 per cent.

Increase An increase in the discount rate is the most dramatic signal the Central Bank can send of its inflation-fighting intentions.

That is what worries economists. Most recessions in this country are brought on by a credit squeeze. While the Central Bank doesn't set out to create a downturn, it often finds it difficult to walk the fine line between dampening demand to cool inflationary pressures and tightening so much that a new recession is triggered.

"The famous soft-landing for the economy has proven very difficult to manage in the past," said Robert Dederick, chief economist for the Northern Trust Company of Chicago.

Economists at the New York investment firm of Merrill Lynch said in their latest forecast that growth could stall by next summer as higher interest rates and a loss of export momentum take their toll.

David Wyss, an economist with Data Resources Incorporated, said next spring will mark the start of the danger period for the economy, given the six-to-nine-month lag between increases in interest rates and their greatest impact on borrowing.

"We are forecasting that we will be able to avoid a recession next year and just have a slowdown, but the risk of a recession is certainly there if the Federal Reserve gets carried away with tightening," he said.

Economists say the credit tightening so far should not cause any appreciable slowdown before the presidential election, good news for Republican presidential candidate George Bush. He hopes continued signs of prosperity will translate into votes to help him in his race against Democrat Michael Dukakis.

Japan to step up trade ties with Latin America

MEXICO CITY, Aug 22, (UPI): Japan will seek to increase its imports with Latin America to promote economic and political stability in the region, Japanese Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno said yesterday.

"Japan wants to continue with positive actions to step up imports from Latin America and in this way stabilise the region's economies," Uno said at a press conference.

Uno is on a three-day official visit to Mexico to commemorate 100 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

"Japan considers it very important to align itself to the developing countries," Uno said.

He said that in the first six months of the year, Japan increased imports by 39 per cent and exports by only 17 per cent with its trading partners.

Uno said that the Japan's plan to step up trading with Latin American countries is just one of many measures aimed at lending economic support to the region.

Economic stability is crucial to political stability in the region, Uno said.

Foreign reconstruction offers suspect: Mousavi

NICOSIA, Aug 22, (Reuters): Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi said yesterday that Iran should be suspicious of foreign offers to help to rebuild its war-ravaged economy.

In an interview broadcast on Iranian television, he also denied that Tehran had contacts with the United States and said Iran would never forget Washington's hostile policies.

"These offers are not for reconstruction. These are pressures mounted to force us open the gates... and allow the free flow of foreign capital," Mousavi said.

"Since when have foreign economic powers become so concerned about us?"

Interest Australia, China, Italy, Japan and Turkey are among the many countries which have expressed interest in taking part in Iran's reconstruction efforts after the ceasefire in its war with Iraq.

Japan's Institute of Middle East Economics has estimated that foreign construction and industrial companies can expect

business worth about \$90 billion in Iran to rebuild the damage of eight years of war.

Mousavi said his government was reviewing major projects and would decide on them individually. "We don't want to cut ourselves off from the world, but we want to decide on the basis of our own interests," he said.

Iran shuns foreign investment, but Iranian officials have said they will consider war-time relations in awarding contracts to foreign companies.

Offer US officials said this month that Iranian authorities had replied to an offer of talks on improved relations by raising old demands for Iranian assets blocked in the United States to be released. Both contacts were through third parties, they said.

The Tehran newspaper Etemad called last week for the removal of psychological and legal obstacles to contacts with the United States.

It said the break between the two countries after the 1979

Islamic revolution had aided Arabs hostile to Iran.

Meanwhile, Petroleum Minister Gholamreza Aghazadeh has said Iran will repair its damaged oil installations "at maximum speed" as soon as the United Nations-mediated ceasefire proves to be durable.

Speaking at a press conference in Tehran yesterday, the minister stressed that the government had given "top priority" to reconstructing the country's oil industry "to facilitate oil exports and to build up foreign exchange reserves."

He said that the oil sector, including Abadan oil refinery, the petrochemical complex at Bandar Imam Khomeini, the Bibdoland Gas Refinery in Khuzestan province and the offshore oil rigs, had suffered most as a result of the eight-year Gulf hostilities.

The inland oil installations, he said, would be repaired by Iranian experts while work on the offshore facilities might need foreign expertise.

Aghazadeh pointed out that

the Isfahan Oil Refinery, which had been badly damaged, was already operating to maximum capacity while a new floating oil terminal at Bandar Genaveh in southern Iran had also been commissioned.

The Abadan Refinery, once the world's largest, would be rebuilt and turned into "one of the most sophisticated of its kind," under three stages of reconstruction, said the minister. Iran was also eager to complete reconstruction of the joint Iran-Japanese Bandar Imam Khomeini Petrochemical Complex and hoped that the Japanese companies involved would continue their share of the work, he said.

Projects

Aghazadeh noted that reconstruction work would be undertaken alongside existing development projects such as the Bandar Abbas Oil Refinery, a petrochemical complex at Arak, city gas networks, provision of oil pipelines to the Oman Sea and exploration and exploitation of oil deposits in the Caspian Sea.

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FT ALL	SHR	961.62	961.62	956.78	963.01
FT GOV SEC		87.82	87.96	87.78	87.92
FT GOLD	WH	194.8	194.8	167.8	207.2
FT MINES F		536.39	536.39	522.38	517.46
FT OIL		1803.6	1803.6	1792.6	1834.0
FT WLD DLR		125.75	125.63	125.29	126.05
FT WLD STG		109.54	109.66	108.06	109.51
FT WLD LOC		115.56	115.48	115.42	115.44

London Stock Market Report

UK STOCKS DRIFT LOWER IN LATE TRADING
LONDON, AUG 22, REUTER - EQUITIES DRIFTED LOWER IN VERY QUIET LATE AFTERNOON TRADING AFTER WALL STREET STAGED A SOMEWHAT SURPRISING EARLY DOWNTURN, DEALERS SAID.

"MOST PEOPLE EXPECTED WALL STREET TO OPEN HIGHER TODAY AFTER A TICK UP IN U.S. STOCKS IN EUROPE SO THE LOWER START THERE PROMPTED US TO MARK DOWN PRICES FURTHER," ONE MARKET MAKER SAID.

YOUNG UNIC, A VERY LOW 167 MIL SHARES BY 1400 GMT. AT 1430 GMT THE FTSE 100 STOCK 13.7 POINTS LOWER AT 1,830.6, DOWN FROM THE DAY'S HIGH OF 1,840.6 TOUCHED AT THE OPENING.

DEALERS SAID THAT NERVOUSNESS AHEAD OF THURSDAY'S U.K. JULY SALANCE OF PAYMENTS DATA MADE FOR THE LOW VOLUME.

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CENTRE ON A JULY
CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT OF ABOUT 950 MLN STG AGAINST 1.02

THEY SAID THE MARKET WAS WORRIED BECAUSE RECENT U.K. STATISTICS, PARTICULARLY A LARGER THAN EXPECTED RISE IN RETAIL SALES AND A DROP IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, HAD REKINDLED FEARS OF OVERHEATING IN THE U.K. ECONOMY AND OF A FURTHER RISE IN U.K.

INTEREST RATES.

London Gold

LONDON, AUG 22, REUTER - AN EARLY SURGE IN NEW YORK PLATINUM FUTURES STARTED A SMALL RALLY IN GOLD AND LONDON CLOSED NEAR THE DAY'S HIGH AT 432/432.50 DLRS, BUT STILL UP ONLY 50 CENTS AN OUNCE FROM FRIDAY.

PLATINUM PRICES IN LONDON SURGED ALONG WITH NEW YORK TO CLOSE AT \$49.00/\$50.50 DLRS, UP 17.50 DLRS FROM FRIDAY.

THE RALLY IN NEW YORK PLATINUM WAS ATTRIBUTED TO SHORT-COVERING THAT PUSHED PRICES THROUGH TECHNICAL RESISTANCE AT \$39/\$45 DLRS PER OUNCE, DEALERS THERE SAID.

LONDON DEALERS SAID THERE WERE SIGNS OF EUROPEAN TRADE FADING OF PLATINUM AFTER THE NEW YORK RISE.

London Money Market

LONDON, AUG 22, REUTER - MONEY RATES WERE MOSTLY 3/16 POINT HIGHER AS A STRONG DOLLAR AND INCREASING NERVOUSNESS OVER FORTHCOMING U.K. TRADE DATA SENT STERLING SLIDING AND RE-IGNITED SPECULATION THAT ANOTHER HIKE IN BASE RATES COULD BE IMMINENT.

IAN HARWOOD, CHIEF ECONOMIST AT WARBURG SECURITIES, SAID - "THE MARKET'S WORRIED THE ECONOMY'S STRENGTH, AND ESPECIALLY THE RAPID RETAIL SALES GROWTH, WILL SEE EXPECTATIONS FOR THE TRADE DEFICIT FAR EXCEEDED, HURTLING STERLING AND FORCING RATES UP."

THE KEY THREE MONTH STERLING INTERBANK RATE WAS 3/16 POINT FIRMER AT 11-5/8 1/2 PCT, AGAIN DISCOUNTING A 1/2 POINT RISE IN

BASE RATES TO 11-1/2 PCT.

Foreign Exchange						
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DLR	-----	1.6800/10	1.9150/50	6.4900/30		FIX
DMK	1.6865/76		3.2265/2305	10.9320/9450		NID
STG	1.9092/9172	3.220/234		29.430/590		FIX
FFR	6.483/95	10.921/939	338.57/9.21	-----		FIX
SFR	1.6090/6100	2.7136/7169	84.09/18	24.81/84		1300
HFL	2.1615	3.6440	112.875	33.31		FIX
ECU	1.08740	.647263	2.08281	7.05833		CLSE
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UNX #2	36/0	36/0	FLING JAW	207/0	206/0	HS INTL	116/0	116/0
COASE N&S	263/0	264/0	FLING M&C	178/0	178/0	NAT. TELINT	143/0	144/0
COODMINTG	143/0	163/0	FLING TECH	183/0	183/0	NEW TOKYO	153/0	151/0
COODY SHOP	620/0	615/0	FOR SCOL	105/0	105/0	NEWARTHILL	650/0	650/0
COOT HEHR	380/0	388/0	FRESHBARE	160/0	160/0	NEWARTHILL	650/0	650/0
CORTHWICK	61/0	61/0	FRIEDLY HO	257/0	258/0	NEWS INTL	229/0	229/0
C R ARROW	109/0	108/0	FRAGMORE	384/0	383/0	NIHAN TONK	174/0	174/0
C R ASSETS	87/4	87/4	GALLIFORD	69/0	69/0	NORCROSS	368/0	368/0
C R DREDGE	144/0	144/0	GARDINER	53/0	53/0	NORCROSS	368/0	368/0
C R VITA	239/0	239/0	GEEST	260/0	261/0	NORFOLK C	29/6	29/6
C RENT CHC	151/0	150/0	GET INTL	139/0	140/0	NORMANS	61/0	61/0
C RENT WCR	394/0	395/0	GERRARD	269/0	268/0	NORTHAMBER	380/0	378/0
C R IDROM	169/0	170/0	GESTETNER	220/0	220/0	NORTH OPIX	136/0	136/0
C RITAIN SE	193/0	195/0	GP6	54/0	53/0	NSN PLC	96/0	96/0
C RITANNIC	357/0	357/0	GRAPPH HD	282/0	285/0	MURDIN&CO	163/0	162/0
C RIXATION C	333/0	332/0	GREEN KING	469/0	468/0	O'SEAS IT	179/0	180/0
C RYSTANT	137/0	138/0	GREENL W	240/0	242/0	OCEAN TPT	209/0	260/0
C SINT	64/0	64/0	GREYCOAT	431/0	431/0	OCEANICS	20/0	20/0
C SNT INTL	91/0	93/0	GRUP TV A	45/0	46/0	OSSORY EST	21/6	21/6
C LULLOUGH	473/0	475/0	GT PKTBLD	360/0	359/0	QAMERS AB	76/0	76/0
C LUMMER HP	172/0	172/0	GUINNS NA	125/0	125/0	OXFORD LMS	250/0	250/0
C LAMBENDA	390/0	390/0	GUS ORD	688/0	700/0	P & P OTS	60/0	61/0
C LAMB ELEC	261/0	261/0	GVIT ATLA	125/0	126/0	P & P C	228/0	229/0
C LAMB INST	56/0	57/0	GVIT STRA	231/4	231/0	PALFAC	135/0	133/0
C LAMB ERE	190/0	191/0	GVIT WIS	114/0	116/0	PAGE (W)	52/0	52/0
C LAMMING W	224/0	224/0	HALL (W)	145/0	146/0	PENFOS LTD	125/0	125/0
C LANNON ST	325/0	325/0	HALMA	183/0	183/0	PERGAMON	107/0	119/0
C LAPP GROUP	298/0	298/0	HAMBROS I	217/0	217/0	PHOENIX	114/0	113/0
C LAPP RADIO	320/0	320/0	HAMPSHORN	638/0	638/0	PICKAWICK	248/0	248/0
C LARADON	341/0	342/0	HEYWOOD W	282/0	281/0	PICKMAN	250/0	248/0
C LARLON C	740/0	738/0	HICKSIN W	225/0	225/0	PRESTWICH	129/0	130/0
C LASE GRP	427/0	426/0	HIGGS HIL	369/0	370/0	PRIEST (B)	22/2	22/2
C LATER ALL	354/0	353/0	HIMRO CITY	85/0	85/0	PRIEST NA	396/0	395/0
C LATTITUDE	87/4	88/0	HIMRO SPHR	182/0	183/0	PRO&SECUR	166/0	166/0
C LENT LTD	12/4	12/0	HOGG GARD	166/0	166/0	PROB FOLD	264/0	263/0
C LENT LTD	543/0	544/0	HOMES PAR	115/0	115/0	PROV FINL	348/0	350/0
C LENT PRR	158/0	158/0	HOMER GP	124/0	125/0	RAINE IND	93/0	93/0
C LENTHARTER	23/4	23/4	HTV GROUP	224/0	228/0	RATHNERS	238/0	238/0
C LENS CHUR	113/0	114/0	ICE. F.V.D	355/0	355/0	RECHAN EY	260/0	260/0
C LORIDORE	55/0	56/0	JMRY M.D	390/0	390/0	REDPEAKR	462/0	463/0
C LORISTIES	535/0	535/0	JNDPMT W	13/0	13/0	RENEGE GP	467/0	465/0
C LORIST GROUP	47/0	47/0	JNT. BU. CH	127/0	126/0	RENTAL	185/0	185/0
C LORIST INTL	173/0	172/0	JNT. CITY	137/0	137/0	RENTSHAW	185/0	185/0
C LORISTATES	328/0	330/0	INVERGORD	296/0		RENOULD	65/4	65/4
C LORISTONS	484/0	485/0	JHNSKINF	41/4	41/4	RENTOKIT	209/0	208/0
C LORISTONS W	573/0	573/0	JOS HDLGS	167/0	168/0	RIT CP. LA	70/0	70/0
C LORISTROLL	192/0	192/0	KALAMAZOO	53/0	53/0	ROBINSON	403/0	403/0
C LORISTONNELS	308/0	308/0	KALON GRP	38/0	37/4	ROCKFORT	130/0	131/0
C LORISTOSTAIN	311/0	311/0	KELT ENGY	50/0	50/0	ROHNEY	362/0	363/0
C LORISTOSTAINS	263/0	265/0	KLART BEN	385/0	384/0	ROSEHAWK	734/0	733/0
C LORISTOSTAINS FR	413/4	414/0	KLART OF S	122/0	123/0	ROTHSCHILD	144/0	144/0
C LORISTOSTAINS COMPN	63/0	63/0	KWIK-FIT	107/0	107/0	ROTOROK	174/0	174/0
C LORISTREST NICH	218/0	217/0	LORANCE	169/0	170/0	RUBERODI	255/0	254/0
C LORISTRODA INT	136/0	136/0	LORANCE INT	182/0	182/0	RUGBY GRP	130/0	130/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	203/0	202/0	LON & NET	182/0	180/0	RUHLAND T	43/0	44/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	156/0	156/0	LON INTP	261/0	261/0	RYSKIN LTD	134/0	134/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	296/0	297/0	LON SWOL	242/0	242/0	SAGA GRP	237/0	237/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	33/0	33/0	LON UTD	159/0	158/0	SALVESSEN	175/0	174/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	167/0	170/0	LONWEDD	145/0	145/0	SAVILLE G	56/0	55/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	150/0	150/0	LEIGH INT	234/0	235/0	SAVILLS	129/0	129/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	176/0	175/0	LES SERV	399/0	400/0	SAVOY "A"	890/0	885/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	302/0	303/0	LIFE SCIE	55/0	55/0	SCHN. GLOB	219/0	220/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	364/0	338/0	LITTLE FJ	54/4	54/0	SCOT I.R.T.	197/0	197/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	59/0	60/0	LIT	29/0	29/0	SCOT I.R.T.	125/0	125/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	264/0	240/0	LOCAL LON	513/0	510/0	SCOT MERT	134/0	135/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	95/0	95/0	LOGICA	357/0	355/0	SCOT MORT	100/0	100/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	293/0	293/0	LON (UN)	636/0	637/0	SCOT. J.M.I.	88/0	88/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	62/0	62/0	LOGICOMER	214/0	214/0	SCOT NAT C	29/0	29/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	215/0	213/0	LOHDES	103/0	102/0	SCOT NAT V	92/0	92/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	453/0	453/0	LVINCH	454/0			6/0	6/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	468/0	468/0	H.C. PACIFIC	378/0	374/0	SECS TST	104/0	104/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	80/0	80/0	H.C. PACIFIC	378/0	374/0	SENIOR EN	60/0	60/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	295/0	296/0	MAGNATY	238/0	238/0	ST. ANDREW	112/0	112/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	15/2	15/0	MAGNATY	94/0	95/0	U-BORLAND	112/0	112/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	119/0	119/0	MAJDETE	203/0	203/0	U-BRD ST	44/0	44/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	241/0	241/0	MANDERS	195/0	200/0	U-BROADM.	199/0	200/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	190/0	189/0	MARLEY	170/0	170/0	U-CIFER	16/0	16/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	213/0	213/0	MARSHALLS	245/0	246/0	U-CITYSNR	82/0	82/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	258/0	256/0	MATTHEWS	85/0	82/0	U-DEMEY W	125/0	125/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	90/0	90/0	MAUNDERS	115/0	115/0	U-ELDRGE	530/0	530/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	326/0	329/0	MCKECHINIE	323/0	323/0	U-EXPLAUR	47/0	47/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	366/0	385/0	MENEC	248/0	247/0	U-FIELDS	52/0	51/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	325/0	325/0	MENZIES	343/0	345/0	U-FLOYD E	25/0	26/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	214/0	214/0	MERCH. ST	130/0	149/0	U-FRD SEL	115/0	115/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	205/0	207/0	METAL CLS	192/0	193/0	U-HIGH-INT	102/0	103/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	28/0	29/0	METALMAN	92/0	91/0	U-ISRAEL	92/0	91/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	210/0	211/0	METALMAN	426/0	428/0	U-ISRAEL	24/2	24/2
C LORISTRYSTALAT	140/0	138/0	MIDSWERR	436/0	436/0	U-MINTAK	4/4	4/4
C LORISTRYSTALAT	71/0	71/0	MIL WLDGSS	127/0	128/0	U-LINCH UT	174/0	175/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	101/0		MIL CHLT	140/0	139/0	U-MICROVT	43/0	44/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	152/0	153/0	MOLINS OR	237/0	238/0	U-MILNAR	46/0	47/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	294/0	295/0	MONKS IT	269/0	209/0	U-MRRTDIT	365/0	370/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	165/0	165/0	MORGAN CR	263/0	263/0	U-PAVION	9/0	9/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	273/0	273/0	MORGAN GF	317/0	314/0	U-RNDSTSH	185/0	185/0
C LORISTRYSTALAT	95/0	95/0	MORLAND	663/0	665/0	U-SAC INT	101/0	100/0

CLAY 3	108/0	108/0	MOUNTLEIG	148/0	149/0	U-SELECTV	18/0	18/0
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Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices					
INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2		PREV-QR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	325.0	322.6	317.7	306.2	278.4
AUSTRIA	224.1	224.8	227.0	208.9	203.8
BELGIUM	379.2	378.7	378.3	388.2	365.7
CANADA	356.2	355.1	355.0	375.1	363.4
DENMARK	436.1	433.9	433.4	436.4	370.3
FRANCE	366.2	364.1	363.4	370.5	290.7
GERMANY	181.4	183.3	182.5	176.9	166.3
HONG KONG	1893.2	1887.9	1911.4	1945.9	1823.7
FINLAND	123.7	123.0	122.0	123.5	116.1
ITALY	428.6	428.7	427.9	402.3	404.7
JAPAN	1305.8	1302.7	1304.6	1269.9	1269.3
NETHERLANDS	263.5	263.0	263.1	253.4	238.4
NEW ZEAL	99.0	98.6	98.4	96.1	98.9
NORWAY	489.0	490.4	487.8	498.9	475.2
SPAIN	618.1	626.5	639.8	633.7	521.9
SPAIN	260.5	261.2	260.8	268.6	247.8
SWEDEN	925.7	924.8	917.3	917.0	856.8
SWITZ	159.9	159.5	160.3	157.4	147.2
U.K.	557.8	554.5	553.9	556.5	526.3
U.S.A.	239.5	240.4	240.3	251.9	236.0
WORLD	443.3	442.6	442.7	446.8	431.2

E.A.F.E.	841.7	838.5	839.0	829.5	888.9
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World oil demand to reach 18m BPD during third quarter

RACAS, Aug 22, (OPECNA): During the third quarter of this year world oil demand is estimated to reach 48 million bpd of which non-OPEC producers are expected to produce around 30.5 million bpd, according to OPEC secretary-general Dr Subroto.

This would mean that OPEC's oil production should be around 17.5 million BPD, he told journalists here.

During the fourth quarter, demand is expected to be about 49 million BPD and non-OPEC producers continue to produce 30.5 million BPD, demand for

BPD, he added.

If OPEC produced 18.5 million BPD during the fourth quarter, there would be no change in price, but if the organisation slightly reduced its output, an increase could be expected, according to Subroto.

Prices

He warned that if OPEC was producing above the 18.5-million BPD level, a weakening of prices would occur.

He said that the market situation in the medium-term between 1989 and 1990 would depend on the level of discipline by OPEC members and how they honour

EC oil would increase to 18.5 million - their agreements.

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FOR BOSTON	42/2	42/3	MEREDITH	30/3	30/3	SC ATLANTA	10/7	11/0
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NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY	FST BOSTON	FST CHICAGO	FST INTERS	GAF CORP	GANNETT CO	GALVESTON	GATX CORP	GCA CP	GEARHART	GEN DATA	GEN DYNICS	GEN ELECT	GEN HOST	GEN HOUSMR	GEN INSTR	GEN HILLS	GEN MOTORS	GEN SIGNAL	GENCORP	GENETECH	GENUINE PA	GEM PWT-80	GEORGI-CL	'EIBR FI PL	GLOBAL MAR	GOLDEN MUG	GOODRICH	GOODYEAR	GOULD INC	GRACE LUC	GRATINGER	GREYHOUND	GRUNYARD	GULF RES-C	GULF-WESTN	HALLIBURTON	HALLWOOD	HANNA MIN	HARRIS CP	HARTMARX	HEINZ NJ	HEL CURTIS	HELM-PAYNE	HERCULES	HESL-PACK	HESSEL	HILLBERRY	HILLBERRY	HILTN HTLS	HITACHI	HNDST-HAM	HNDY-MAN	HOLIDAY C	HOME DEPOT	HOME FED S	HONDA MOTOR	HONEYWELL	HOUGHTIN MI	HOUSTON IN	HUGHES SUP	HUMANA INC	IBM	ICR INDUSTR	ICR PHARMA	ILL PHR CO	INGERSOLL-RA	JEFF PILOT	JER PU 8-5	JOHNSON CO	JOHNSON-JMS	K MART CP	KAISER ALM	KAM CI P-L	KAM CI P-L	KELLOGG	KERR MCGEE	KEYSTONE	KING-CLARK	KLN R D AI	KN RTO HDS	KROGER CP	LEA ROMAL	LENNAN	LENNAN	LINDOLN HAM	LITTON IND	LOCKHEED	LOCTITE CP	LOEMS CORP	LOW-METTLER	LONE STAR	LOMES	LTD INC	LTV CORP	LTV 1-25	LTV 3-OSG	LTV 5-25	LUMIRZIO	LURYS CABS	MERRILL LY	MESA OFFSH	MOBIL OIL	MOHSANTO	MONTANA PO	MORGAN JAP	MORT THIO	MOTOROLA	MRSH-MCLEN	MURPHY OIL	NAT INTERG	NBI CORP	NCR CORP	NEW ENG EL	NEW PLAS	NEWELL CO	NEWKONT MI	NEWMGT GLD	NI MOHS-10	NI MORT-72	NIOCLET IN	NIDCOR INC	NL INDS	NOBLE AFF	NOBOL RESOU	NORTHROP	NOVA IND	NUCOR CORP	OAK INDS	OC PETRCP	OCEAN DRIL	ODEN CORP	OH ED CO	OHIO MATT	OLIN CORP	OMNICARE	ORION PICT	PAINE WEB	PAN AM	PANHANDLE	PARK ELECT	PARKER DRI	PARKER MAN	PATLSON PET	PAYLESS CSH	PULLMAN CO	PC INDS-96	PENW CENTR	PENNMALT	PENNZOIL	PEOPLES EN	PEPSICO	PFIZER	PHILIPS DOD	PHILIP NOR	PHILLIPS PE	PILLSBURY	PINNAACLE W	PITTS-BOKES	PITTSBURG	POLAROID	PORTLAND GE	PRIME COM	PRIME INNS	PRIMERICA	PROCT-GAMB	PUGET SP-L	PULTE HOME	QUAKER OAT	QUAKER COR	QUANTUM CR	RAIS PURIN	RAMADA INN	RANGER OIL	RAYCHEM	RAYBARK	RAYTHOM	REGAL INTL	REYNOLD ME	RJR NABISC	ROCHES G-E	ROCKAWAY C	ROCKWELL	ROHR INDS	ROLLINS EN	ROLLINS IN	RORER GRP	ROMAN CORP	ROYAL DUTCH	RSS BERTIE	RYDER SYST	RYLAND GRP	S DISE G-E	SALOMON	SARA LEE	SCOTT PPR	SCOTTYS	SE BANK CO	SEAGRAN CO	SEAGULL EN	SEALED AIR	SEARS ROE	SERV CORP	SA STH PAC	SHRSH HUTT	SHELL TROU	SHER PLAU	SMITH INT	SMITHK BEC	SNAP ON TL	SOURCE CAP	SOUTHERN	SPAIN FUND	SPEERY	SQUARE D	SQUIBB	STONE CONT	SUN CO	SUNDRAM	SUNSHI MIN	SUPER VAL	SOUTHWEST	SUN GAS	SUN BELL	TAMMY CORP	TDK	TECO ENERG	TEKTRONIX	TELEDYNE	TELEX CORP	TERADYNE	TESORO PET	TEX AMER B	TEX EAS TR	TEXACO	TEXAS IND	TEXAS INST	TEXTRON	THOMPS MED	TIDEWATER	TIGER INT	TINKEN	TORCHMARK	TOSCO	TOYS R US	TRANSMASR	TRANSCO EN	TRANSCO EX	TRAVELLERS	TRINITY IN	TV CORP	TRANSKORAL	UAL CORP	UTD BRAND	UTD TECH	UNILEVER	UNION CAMP	UNION CARB	US SHOE	USX CP	US WEST	U	VALERO EN	VALLEY IND	VARCO INTL	VARIAN ASS	V PNT PEPP	WAINCOAT	WAL HART	WALGREEN	WARNER CO	WARNER LAM	WASTE MAN	WASH GAS I	WENDY INTL	WEST CH	WESTINGHOUSE	WILLIAMS C	WILLIAMS E	WINN-DIXIE	WOOLWORTH	WORLDCORP	WRIGLEY	WYLE LABS	XEROX CORP	XTRA INC	ZAPATA	ZATRE CORP	ZENITH EL	ZERO																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																								
ABSCH COM	30/0	30/0	32/4	32/3	51/1	51/1	46/6	1.08	46/1	0	10	3/4	50/0	39/6	10/4	8/2	29/0	50/6	72/6	47/0	20/0	22/4	32/5	0	37/3	2/4	.09	12/0	45/5	60/0	40/0	24/5	55/6	31/7	31/6	0	41/7	28/3	14/4	30/4	26/3	24/5	42/2	35/4	35/4	21/6	21/2	42/2	140/1	14/1	17/5	23/0	25/1	23/3	171/0	59/1	36/0	29/5	17/1	29/0	113/0	35/0	6/4	18/7	28/0	36/0	36/1	0	32/2	79/7	32/2	32/0	32/2	17/7	29/6	28/2	58/2	35/5	20/3	54/6	16/3	39/1	35/3	15/6	12/2	18/6	52/2	75/2	60/6	29/3	70/0	19/4	31/5	19/0	20/7	3/3	0	5/7	5/7	57/6	25/4	25/5	25/5	1/4	1/3	41/7	81/0	36/1	37/1	42/6	54/2	31/3	16/6	3/7	53/5	23/4	14/7	44/0	37/6	36/2	44/3	1/0	25/7	16/2	27/1	18/3	12/6	44/2	8/1	8/2	16/2	2/5	26/1	18/1	6/2	4/3	28/6	26/3	9/0	89/4	21/3	85/0	71/5	19/2	35/0	51/7	39/4	91/0	17/1	36/1	21/6	42/2	15/1	43/7	21/0	12/2	31/3	28/3	73/6	18/1	7/3	54/2	20/2	88/0	76/2	7/6	6/3	39/1	64/3	*11	50/3	50/6	16/7	0	19/7	16/3	16/3	35/1	6/7	109/4	0	23/4	14/7	34/7	23/2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

COLUMBUS-C	0	111/2	MALAYSIA F	8/0	8/2
CON EDISON	29/1	29/0	HGHT ASS	1/2	1/3
			N NARIETTA	30/2	30/1

COMBASA	33/7	31/0	29/2	39/7	IND	2,01.56	2.23	CHANGE	NTH	LOW
COR EDISON	40/0	43/0	40/1	39/1	TRANS	840.65	- 4.18		2,007.29	2,007.47
CONFIDENT	40/1	40/1	39/1	39/1	UTILS	176.98	- 0.36		859.46	859.46
CONTEL ILLN	40/3	40/3	39/3	39/3	STOCKS	754.16	- 2.24		175.65	175.65
CONTEL CP	36/0	36/0	29/0	29/0	NYSE COMP	147.07	- .47		758.21	753.03
CONTEL DATA	22/1	21/7	26/7	27/0	S-P COMPOSITE	259.30	- 0.94			
COOPER T-R	40/6	40/5	25/4	25/3	NYSE INDS	176.70	- 0.50			
COOPER CON	9/7	10/0	210/0	212/4	AMEX INDEX	204.23	- 0.80			
COOPER NG	37/6	37/5	41/3	41/3	NASD COMP	376.11	- 0.06			
CRAME	30/0	30/0	41/3	41/3	NASD BANKING	455.84	- 0.06			
GRAY RES	79/3	79/3	64/3	64/4	NASD FIN'L	461.94	- 0.86			
GULLINET	5/7	5/6	67/1	67/4	S-P 100 INDEX	245.55	- 0.21			
DANIEL IND	8/5	8/5	39/3	38/7						
DATA GEN	17/6	17/5								

DATAPOINT	4/5	4/5	MEMO - CO	55/7	55/4
DAYTON HUD	38/5	38/7			

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DURUESNE	15/2	15/3
DYNAMICS	0	23/3

NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE

ANEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE

E SYSTEMS	26/2	28/2	MESABI	2 3/8 + 3/4		COMMERCE	2 1/2 + 3/8	
EAGLE PICH	0	29/2	WICKES	12 5/8 + 3 1/4		TUBOS DACE	3/4 + 1/8	
EASTERN G-	23/2	23/1	DIANA CP	3/4 + 3/8		BECATHEN H	3 5/8 - 1/4	
EMERSON EL	27/2	0	EMERSON CP	3 1/4 - 1/4		HISLTY-CH	3 5/8 - 3/8	
EMERSON RA	3/3	5/4	GNEY AIR	-	- 1/4	HOFMANH	5	- 1/2
ETHYL CP	21/5	21/6	NYSSE VOLUME	42,843,400		AMEX VOLUME	1,929,500	
EXIDON	45/5	45/4	STOCKS UP	282		STOCKS UP	105	
FAM DOT ST	14/0	14/0	STOCKS DOWN	749		STOCKS DOWN	218	
FED NAT MO	48/4	48/4	19-AUG NASDAQ	118,380,300				
			STOCKS UR-JETZ	DOZ.				

FIELDCREST	2/0	2/8	STATION OF TOW	DOWN	WY	
FIN COR-AM	12	11				
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	19/7	19/8
FLEETWOOD	33/4	35/5
FNC CORP	48 1/2	48 1/2
FORD MOTOR	51 1/4	51 1/5
FORT HANAR	28 1/2	28 1/2
FONDROR CO	10/2	10/3
FRCHILD IND	21/3	21/3
FST BANK—		

International Bond Highlights

LONDON - The coupons on two four-year Japanese equity warrant Eurobonds — a 50 mln dir deal for Tokyo Kasei Co. Ltd and a 50 mln dir issue for Kawashima Textile Manufacturers Ltd — have been indicated at 5-1/8 pct, lead managers said.

But on three other four-year equity warrant bonds — a 200 mln dir deal for Shiseido Co. Ltd, a 100 mln dir issue for Tokyo Tatemoto Co. Ltd and a 100 mln dir offering for Iwatani International Corp. — the coupons were indicated at 4-3/4 pct.

Market sources said the differing coupons reflected disparities in the credit quality of the borrower. (RTTU 0736, RTTM 0841, RTZF 0837, RTTC 0908, RTTX 0949)

LONDON - The 100 mln dir floating rate note for Venezuela reported previously from Caracas has now been formally launched, lead manager Samuel Montagu and Co. Ltd said. The par priced issue matures in August, 1993 and has a spread of 1-7/8 pct over the six-month London interbank offered rate. (RTTU 0923)

LONDON - The State Bank of South Australia is issuing a 100 mln Canadian dir Eurobond due October 3, 1991 paying 10-7/8 pct and priced at 101-1/4 pct, lead manager Chase Investment Bank Ltd said. (RTTU 0902)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 10-1/4 10	11 10-7/8	11 5-1/8 1/2
PAR 4.90/5.00	5.05/15	5.30/40
FRF 7-3/8 1/2	7-3/8 1/2	7-11/16 13/16
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	2-7/8 3-1/8	3-5/8 3-7/8
BRX 4.25	6-13/16 15/16	7-3/16 5/16
ROM 10 10-1/2	10-5/8 11-1/8	11 11-1/2
AMS 1-1/2 2-1/2	5-3/8 5-1/2	5-9/16 5-11/16
TOK 3.7500 8125	3.7500 8125	4.0625 1250
EDU 6.81 7.06	7.12 7.25	7.37 7.50

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	5.15/16	6-3/16
3 months	6-1/8	6-3/8
6 months	6-1/8	6-1/2
1 year	6-1/8	6-9/16

HOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	53	53	53.50	HICO	575	580	580
ACC	229	227	231	GMFC	46.50	46.50	47.50	WUKAND	84	85
ASTA PAINT	161.25	163.75	162.5	GRASIM	107	105	104.25	NOCL	500	510
BAJAJ AUTO	266.50	267.50	265	HSND LEVER	140	141	144	OKRAY	23	23
BAR. RAYON	230	227.50	235	HINDALCO	96	97	97.50	PFIZER	55	55
BOR. DTYING	111	111	111	HINDCOCCA	82	80	80	PRE. AUTO	31.75	31.50
BR. BOND	84.50	83	85	HINDOMOTR	26.50	26.50	27.50	RAYMOND	51.50	50.50
CENTURYSPG	902.50	925	922.50	IND ORE	25.50	25	28	RELANCE	200	201.50
CELTATE	220	225.75	222.50	INDRATON	67	66.25	66.75	SIEMENS	70	69
DEEPAKERT	35	36	37.50	INDROL	150	151.25	153.75	SPIC	49.75	50.50
EL. HOTEL	50	49	50	ITC	43	41	40.50	STDMILLS	237.50	245
ENRATFER	117.50	120	120	JKSYNTH	69.25	71	70.25	TATA PAR	245	222.50
ESSAR	17.50	17.25	17.25	L AND T	115	116.50	115.50	TATACHEM	75	72
GAR. POLY	76	76.50	75.50	MARINDORA	58.50	59	58.50	TISCO	672.50	680
GE. SHIP	27.25	27.62	28	MASTERPL	10.25	10.12	10.37	TISCO	820	828.75
				WATHER PH	52	49	50	VOLTA	340	332.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AEG	202.4	202.5
ALLIANZ VR	1500.0	1500.0
BADENWERK	180.0	180.0
BAF	261.9	261.8
BAYER	294.4	295.0
BAYER HYP	325.5	331.5
BAYER VER	326.0	331.0
BBC	303.0	304.0
BHF	409.0	408.5
BHW	485.0	486.5
COMMERZBANK	222.0	225.0
CONTI GUM	241.8	243.5
DATHEM BEH	656.5	655.0
DEUTSCHE BANK	457.3	460.0
DIEMER	364.2	358.0
DRESDNER B	253.0	254.5
DR. BARDOCK	176.0	183.0
FALZ INDEX	482.47	487.26
FELD MUEHLE	273.0	274.0
GOLDSCHEID	291.0	292.2
HARPER	428.0	425.0
HOECHST AG	281.0	281.8
HOESCH	158.0	159.3
HORTEN	194.0	192.0
HUSSEL HLD	414.0	418.0
KALI SALZ	166.0	167.0
KARSTADT	400.0	400.5
KLAUFHOF	343.0	343.0
KLOECK H	140.5	141.0
KLOECK W	140.0	141.0
LIHDE	689.0	689.0
LUFTHANSA	134.5	134.8
MAN	203.9	204.8
MANHESMAN	174.0	174.4
MERCEDES	519.0	518.0
METALLGES	297.5	299.8
MTXORF PF	432.0	431.5
NORSK HYD	59.00	59.00
PHILIP KON	599.5	601.5
PORSCH	559.0	561.5
PREUSSAG	173.0	176.0
PIA	215.7	215.9
RHEINMETAL	290.0	292.0
RHEIN	231.0	230.0
RME P	214.5	213.0
SALAMANDER	253.0	252.0
SCHERING	505.0	502.0
SEL	287.0	288.0
SIEMENS	428.0	429.5
THYSEN	152.0	153.5
WART	280.0	282.0
VEBA	257.2	258.5
VEW	159.5	159.4
VOLKSWAGEN	252.5	253.5

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
C H TUNNEL	15.10	15.20
CHEUNG K	7.15	7.25
CHINA GAS	16.30	16.30
CHINA L-P	16.20	16.00
CHINA MTR	21.20	21.30
CHINA PROP	3.47	3.50
EVERGOLD	4.47	4.48
FAIR EAST C	44.00	44.00
H C DEVELOP	9.55	9.55
H S INDEX	564.14	579.75
HANG LUNG	4.95	4.97
HONG SENG	29.30	30.25
HAW PAR BR	9.72	9.72
HK ELEC CO	7.10	7.15
HK LOMCO	8.30	8.30
HK SHAN BK	6.20	6.15
HK SHAN WT	4.80	4.90
HK TELE CO	5.55	5.60
KUTCH UNAN	8.75	8.85
IND EO PAC	11.70	11.80
IND EOINE M	13.10	13.40
INDOON M	9.20	9.20
INDOON W	10.90	7.00
INDOON Y CON	2.87	3.00
INDOON Y DEV	7.15	7.15
INDOON K CO	1.98	2.02
INDOON K PROP	10.00	10.00
INDOON DARY	2.17	2.15
INDOON MFG	2.85	2.90
INDOON PAC	18.30	18.40
INDOON V CO	12.90	12.90
INDOON CHEUNG	3.55	3.60
INDOON BANK	1.56	1.56
INDOON LOCK	0.75	0.75
INDOON LOCK	0.15	0.15
INDOON INTL	3.82	3.77

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AJINOMOTO	2880	2900
AKAI ELEC	610	609
AKAI	928	922
ASAHI GLS	1870	1870
ASAHI OPT	690	690
BANK TOKYO	1570	1560
BRIDGESTON	1320	1300
CANON	1600	1580
CASIO COMP	1510	1650
CHUGAI PHM	1540	1560
CITIZEN W	840	845
D-1CHT KAN	2950	3000
DAI NIP IT	798	798
DAI NIP PK	2610	2560
DAI NIP SEC	1000	1000
DAI NIP TO	650	620
DATCEL	875	872
DAIWA H	2110	2140
DAIWA SEC	2380	2400
EBRA MFG	950	940
EISAI	2020	2020
FUJITSU	1930	1900
FUJII BANK	3180	3140
FUJII PHOTO	3770	3780
FUJISAWA	1750	1760
FUJITA CP	710	710
HITACHI	1850	1850
HONDA MOT	2300	2290
ISEHAT	2320	2320
ITO YOKADO	4290	4330
JAP SYN RU	1230	1250
JAPAN AIR	14800	14700
JAPAN MET	636	649
KAJIMA	1390	1370
KANSAI EL	3080	3090
KAO SOAP	1720	1740
KAWASAKI H	673	677
KAWASAKI S	769	775
KIRIN BEV	1920	1930
KONATSU	777	765
KUBOTA LTD	775	758
KYOCERA	5900	6000
MAKITA EL	1690	1680
MARUI	3020	2990
MATSUDA EI	2820	2810
MATSUDA EL	0	2660
METU SEIK	925	920
MITSUBI CP	1130	1120
MITSUBI EL	970	970
MITSUBI EST	2430	2470
MITSUBI HYP	930	929
MITSUBI CO	875	865
MITSUBISHI	1880	1910
MITSUBI EL	1080	1110
NICHICON	1390	1410
NINON ONT	811	811
NIKKO SEC	1870	1880
NIP ELEC	2210	2220
NIP KOKKAN	687	707
NIP OIL	1080	1080
NIP STEEL	727	736
NIP YUSEN	753	756
NIS MOTOR	1190	1240
NUMURA SEC	3690	3780
OHDA CO	985	977
OLYMPUS	1150	1150
PENTA OCN	874	890
PIONEER	3740	3810
REICMAN	930	935
RICHON	1340	1340
SANKYO	2060	2070
SAKYO ELEC	720	720
SEIYU ST	2250	2250
SEKISUI PB	1730	1710
SHARP	1240	1210
SHISEIDO	1680	1700
SONY	7050	7050
SUMITOMO	1030	1040
TAISEI	891	902
TAISEI HRN	1060	1110
TAKEDA CH	2610	2610
TEIJIN	769	766
TKO NEW IX	197.37	205.80
TOKIO MNR	1980	2000
TOKYO ELEC	1300	1270
TOKYO GAS	1310	1310
TOKYO POWR	5800	5910
TORAY IND	835	840
TOSHIBA EL	1170	1170
TOTO	2100	2130
TOYO KKOY	683	677
TOYOTA MOT	2820	2810
YAMAHA	1410	1440
YAMATOCHI	1830	1860
YAMAMOTO	4050	4060
YAMAZAKI	1490	1500

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE LOWER IN WEAK TRADE
TOKYO, AUG 22, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED DOWN IN WEAK TRADE WITH TYPICAL MONDAY DULLNESS AND LACK OF FRESH BUYING INCENTIVES HANGING OVER THE MARKET, BROKERS SAID.

"THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT FACTORS OVER THE WEEKEND TO PUSH THE MARKET UP FURTHER. PEOPLE ARE TAKING PROFITS, SITTING BACK AND TAKING A CONSERVATIVE, KNOCK-ON-WOOD ATTITUDE WAITING TO SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT," SAID GEORGE AI, AN ANALYST AT MERRILL LYNCH JAPAN INC.

THE NIKKEI INDEX DROPPED 130.26 POINTS, OR 0.46 PCT, TO 28,079.18. IT ROSE 80.05 POINTS ON FRIDAY. VOLUME, AT 600 MLN SHARES, FAILED TO KEEP UP WITH FRIDAY'S ONE BILLION SHARES.

FALLS LED RISES BY SEVEN TO FIVE.

SECURITIES HOUSE, BANK, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, MINING, WAREHOUSE, REAL ESTATE, OIL, RETAIL, SERVICE AND CREDIT/LEASE SECTORS LED THE DECLINES.

NON-FERROUS METAL, PHARMACEUTICAL, MACHINERY, ROLLING STOCK, RUBBER, RAILWAY/BUS, CHEMICAL, SHIPPING AND CONSTRUCTION SHARES GAINED.

"THIS WEEK THE MARKET IS HAVING DIFFICULTY MOVING ACTIVELY BECAUSE IT'S THE END OF THE MONTH," SAID KATSUTOSHI NAKAMURA, GENERAL MANAGER AT TOKYO SECURITIES. FRIDAY IS THE LAST DAY OF TRADE FOR AUGUST SETTLEMENT.

INVESTORS ARE WORRIED THAT THE MARKET CAN SUSTAIN MOMENTUM WITH THE NIKKEI ABOVE 28,000 AND GETTING CLOSE TO THE AUGUST 5 RECORD CLOSE OF 28,423.38.

"(THE MARKET) NEEDS MORE CONFIDENCE THAT INTEREST RATES AREN'T GOING UP," SAID JAMES TREGGAR, MANAGER OF JAPANESE EQUITIES SALES AT S.G. WARBURG SECURITIES (JAPAN) INC.

SOME BROKERS SAID THE MARKET IS LIKELY TO RESTRAIN ITSELF SOMEWHAT AHEAD OF A JAPAN AIR LINES NEW SHARE OFFERING TO THE PUBLIC SO IT CAN GAIN FURTHER UPWARD IMPETUS JUST BEFORE THE ISSUE. THE SHARES WILL BE PUT ON THE MARKET AUGUST 25 WITH PAYMENT DUE ON SEPTEMBER 1.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, AUG 22, REUTER - STOCKS CLOSED LOWER IN LACKLUSTRE TRADING, OVERSHADOWED BY CONCERN ABOUT FURTHER INCREASES IN LOCAL INTEREST RATES, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX FINISHED 15.61 POINTS DOWN AT 2,564.14 WHILE THE BROADER BASED HONG KONG INDEX WAS DOWN 10.79 AT 1,692.31. TURNOVER SLIPPED TO 416.38 MLN H.K. DLRS FROM 443.69 MLN ON FRIDAY.

TRADING WAS QUIET THROUGHOUT THE DAY DUE TO A LACK OF INTEREST. A BROKER WITH A U.S. HOUSE SAID: "FUND MANAGERS WERE STAYING AWAY FROM THE MARKET, WHILE SMALL INVESTORS TOOK PROFITS WHEREVER POSSIBLE."

AMMAN

	OPNG	CLSG	JOR NATIONAL BANK	251	2.51
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.11	1.09	JOR PAPER CARDBRKG	3.20	3.20
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.55	1.58	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.55	2.54
ARAB BANK	109.0	113.0	JOR PIPES MANUPACT	1.22	1.22
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	3.96	3.95	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.15
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.39	1.39	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.05
ARAB INSURANCE	0.82	0.83	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.59	0.59
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.98	0.98	JOR SECURITY CORP.	0.75	0.76
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.94	0.90	JOR SELPHO CHEN.	2.42	2.40
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.09	1.08
ARAB JOR. INVST/BK	2.10	2.10	JOR WORSTED MLL	4.61	4.60
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.30	0.29	JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	1.92	1.90	JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.42	7.49
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76	0.75	JOR. FRENCH INS.	4.40	4.45
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---	JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	2.00	2.00
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JORDAN GULF REAL	0.27	0.28
BANK OF JORDAN	14.85	14.86	JORDAN DAIRY	0.97	0.97
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.19	1.20
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	28.00	28.00	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN. INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.41	0.41	JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	1.65	1.65
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.53	1.53	JORDAN KUWAIT INC	1.40	1.41
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.50	0.49	JORDAN TANNING	2.00	2.00
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.54	0.54	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.65	0.65
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	0.54	0.55	MACH/ECU/RENT/MAIN	0.77	0.77
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	MAS/INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.29	1.33	MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
GENERAL MINING.	1.35	1.35	MIDDEL EAST INS	60.00	60.00
HIMMER MINERALS	0.75	0.75	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
HOLY LAND INS.	1.25	1.26	NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.00	1.80
IND. MATCH JEMCO	0.59	0.60	NAT/CABEL/MIRE/MF	1.00	0.98
INDSTRL DEVLPT BNK	1.47	1.47	NAT/COMMERIAL INS.	1.22	1.22
INDSTRL COMM/AGR.	1.17	1.17	NAT. PETROLIUM	0.30	0.32
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NAT. REAL ESTATE INV.	0.47	0.47
INTERN. COM/INV	0.19	0.20	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	2.52	2.57
JABDI ELECTRICITY	0.85	0.86	NATIONAL STEEL	0.25	0.28
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.22	1.24	PETRA BANK	1.97	1.97
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80	PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
JERUSALEM INC.	1.26	1.29	PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.81	0.82
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.50	14.50	PIRA PAPER MANUL	0.75	0.75
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.24	1.20	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.75	0.75
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05	SHIPPING LINES	0.86	0.86
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.63	1.69	SHIPPING LEVING	0.75	0.76
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	0.92	0.92	THE HOUSING BANK	1.86	1.86
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.94	0.92	UNITED INSURANCE	0.94	0.94
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30	UNIVERSAL CHEN. IND	1.43	1.44
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.45	1.45	UNIVERSAL INS.	0.70	0.68
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.70	0.70
			YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.05	1.05

Joint committee to review investment policy

Kuwait trade delegation arrives in Turkey

By Jadranka Porter

A KUWAITI delegation headed by Minister of Commerce Faisal Al Khalid arrived in Turkey yesterday for talks on economic issues that will further boost the Mediterranean country's position as one of Kuwait's increasingly eager and successful trading partners.

The two-day Kuwaiti-Turkish economic committee meeting which begins tomorrow will review Turkey's export and investment opportunities and explore co-operation in contracting services. The delegation will also visit the Izmir International Trade Fair which opens on Friday.

Turkey is hoping for a slice of the action in the reconstruction effort in post-war Iraq and Iran. During the Izmir meeting the

Turks are likely to sound out the Kuwaitis on proposals to couple the emirate's capital with their skill and manpower and tender jointly for construction work in Iran and Iraq.

Turkish officials stress that Ankara has pursued the policy of "active neutrality" during the Gulf war. The exchange of Iraqi and Iranian prisoners of war has taken place in Turkey and some of the UN personnel and equipment on its way to the Iran-Iraq border are using the Incirlik airport at Adana as a transit point.

Incentives
Fifteen Turkish officers are among the 350 men-strong UN peacekeeping force monitoring the ceasefire in the Gulf war.

Turkey is also offering investment opportunities and recently introduced a set of incentives centring on tax exemption to

encourage investment in tourism, agro-industries and petrochemical industries.

The joint committee meeting will review Turkey's investment policy. An agreement is expected to be signed later this year.

The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development projects in Turkey will also be examined.

Goods
The meeting will be the first joint economic committee meeting since the two countries signed an agreement on economic, industrial and technical co-operation in 1982.

The Turkish export trade flourished since then, largely due to Ankara's switch to an export-oriented economy.

Turkey exported \$15.2 million in goods to Kuwait in 1979. The figure soared to \$247.4 million in 1987. The traditional exports are

fruits, vegetables, meat and other foodstuffs, but recently Turkey's glassware, textiles and furniture have been competing in quality and price with similar products from the developed countries.

Turkey imported small amount of oil from Kuwait last year and subsequently recorded a trade surplus of \$173 million.

Along with lively trade co-operation the two countries have joined hands to combat drug trafficking, have signed a military training and defence co-operation agreement and a protocol on cultural exchange.

Role
But Turkey's ambitions go beyond bilateral co-operation. Ankara plays an important role in the Organisation of Islamic Conference and seeks closer ties with its members.

Turkey has also applied for

full membership in the European Economic Community. Situated on the crossroads between East and West, Turkey purports to act as a link between the West and the Islamic world. This has been a thankless role, since some Islamic countries accuse Turkey of being too Western and its European trading partners of not being Western enough.

Bridge
Yet, according to a Turkish official, Ankara is determined to be "a bridge between the Western and Islamic worlds, not only geographically, but in a commercial sense too."

Officials in Ankara look to the year 2000 as a turning point, when Turkey will have built up its economic power and gained enough international stature to enable it to get the best of both the worlds.

Telephone conference to discuss strategy

Banks fight war of nerves with speculators

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Aug. 22. (Reuters): Four times a day the central banks of the leading capitalist countries hold a telephone conference to discuss their strategy for influencing foreign exchange rates.

Their success is varied in a currency market in which big corporations, investors, banks and speculators trade hundreds of billions of dollars daily.

Their main method is to intervene, buying or selling dollars or other currencies to steer values.

Investors

If the central banks enter the market cleverly they can burn dealers and investors who might have thought, for instance, the dollar was a one-way bet.

Well-timed and concerted cen-

tral bank sales can turn a hiccup in a trend into a speculative stampede in or out of a currency.

If they botch their business they end up throwing national foreign exchange reserves into an insatiable market with nothing to show for it at the end of the day.

But the cry in a dealing room "the Bundesbank's in" will still send dealers scrambling to telephones and screens.

Trend

The most important central banks are those of the biggest economies — the United States Federal Reserve, known as the Fed, West Germany's Bundesbank, and the Bank of Japan.

They are joined in the telephone conferences by the Bank of England, the Swiss National Bank, and the central banks of the smaller European countries and Canada.

Central banks have long

accepted they cannot reverse a currency trend. For maximum impact, they try to catch the market on the turn.

For instance, dealers speculating on a weaker dollar, known as "dollar bears", will sell more dollars than they have, to buy them back more cheaply when the dollar has fallen.

Low

When this buying starts, the dollar will creep up. If the central banks buy heavily at that point they can push the dollar up so far that the speculators make a loss.

The speculators rush to cover their short positions in a frenzy of dollar buying, giving the dollar a momentum much greater than the central banks could achieve on their own.

Central banks pulled off such a coup in early 1988, just after the dollar hit a record low against the mark and yen.

"The bear squeeze mounted at

the start of the year will be remembered as one of the bloodiest ever," groaned one London dealer.

Tactics vary. For maximum publicity the central banks will place their orders through currency brokers. Word quickly spreads around the market that they are in.

If they want more discretion they deal directly with banks. A dozen telephone calls simultaneously will cause prices to drop as the banks involved pass on the orders, but dealers in other centres will not know what is happening.

Reserves

"All in all co-ordination on the currency market is very close," said one West German central banker. "Nothing happens in intervention without the other central banks being informed."

This does not always appear to

be the case. Late in 1987 the Bundesbank was leading other central banks in buying dollars as the dollar tumbled to record lows.

At the same time Britain's Treasury decided to diversify its foreign exchange reserves because of dollar weakness, and started selling dollars and buying marks.

Central banks may sometimes have less impact than they hope. One recent dollar drop looked like a reaction to Bundesbank sales. In fact, the market was reacting to a report that US Commerce Secretary William Verity thought a lower dollar would be good for US exports and the world economy.

"Central banks have the biggest successes on the intervention front when they do nothing at all, and the politicians just open their mouths," said a Frankfurt dealer.

Australia and US to expand airline services

SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 22. (AP): After 2-1/2 years of negotiations, the governments of Australia and the United States have agreed to expand airline service between the two countries.

An agreement signed over the weekend allows US airlines to fly to Brisbane, Cairns and one other Australian city, to be chosen by the US, and then fly on to eight other Australian destinations.

Currently the two US airlines serving Australia, Continental Airlines and United Airlines, can fly to four Australian cities — Perth, Darwin, Sydney and Melbourne.

Agreement

US carriers are also allowed under the new agreement to apply for a service linking the US and two Australian cities, via Japan. Australia's government-owned carrier, Qantas Airways Ltd., can fly to 15 US cities, compared with the four it now serves — Honolulu, Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York. The new destinations will be chosen by Qantas.

Qantas can also fly from the US to Canada, and will later be able to fly from the US to Europe without restrictions it currently faces.

New Ecuadorian governor for OPEC

QUITO, Aug. 22. (OPECNA): Carlos Izurieta Esquinate, Ecuador's undersecretary of energy, has been appointed his country's new governor for OPEC.

The governor, appointed by Ecuadorian Energy and Mines Minister Diego Tamaziz Serrano, replaces Dr Hernan Chiriboga who held the post till Aug. 10.

The new governor holds a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University. He was a consultant to the World Bank, the Central Bank of Ecuador, the Ecuadorian State Petroleum Corporation (CEPE) and the advisory commission of the Ministry of Energy and Mines.

Oil markets quiet

LONDON, Aug. 22. (Reuters): World crude oil markets were quiet today with little business taking place in the absence of any fresh market factors, dealers said.

By the end of business in Europe, the most widely-traded grade of North Sea Brent blend was pegged virtually unchanged at \$14.95 a barrel.

UK jobless figures drop again

LONDON, Aug. 22: Unemployment fell a further 14,086 in July to 2,326,703, making the 12-month drop since July 1987 a record 579,750.

The 24th consecutive seasonally-adjusted fall of 58,500 to 2,313,900 took the total reduction in adult jobless since July 1986 to 896,400, reports the Daily Telegraph.

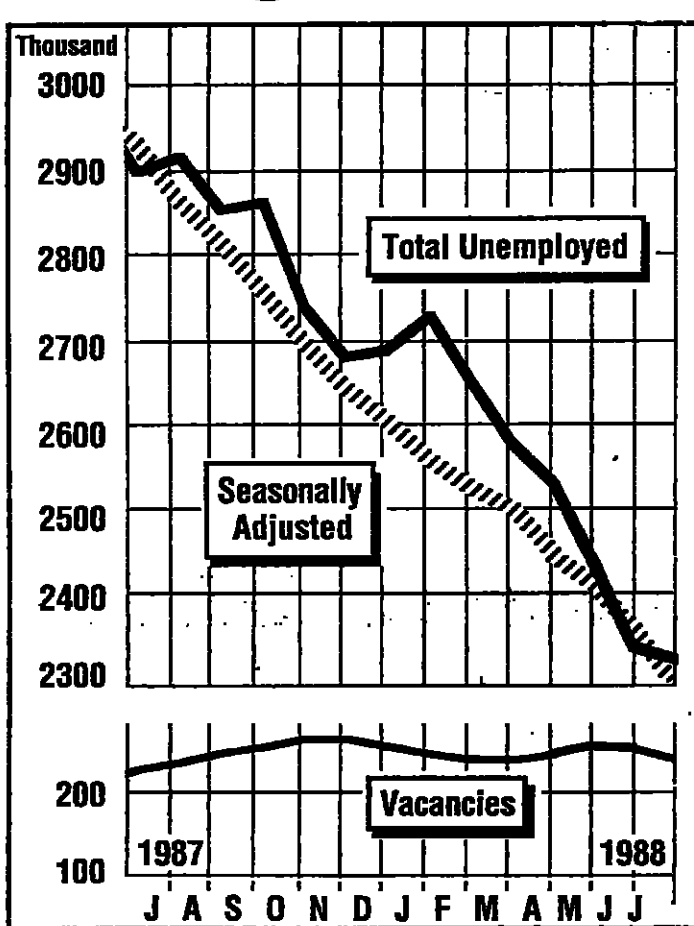
"This is the largest sustained fall since the 1939-45 War," said Fowler, Employment Secretary. "There has been a fall of 608,000 since the June 1987 General Election."

"The UK unemployment rate is now 8.2 per cent. This is lower than the rate in many other EEC countries like France, Belgium, Netherlands, Italy, Spain and Ireland. The rate here has fallen significantly faster than the rate in any other industrialised country."

While seasonally-adjusted unemployment had fallen in all regions, the largest decrease was in the West Midlands, down over four percentage points, followed by Wales and the North West, down over 3.5 percentage points.

Growth
"These figures reflect sustained strong growth in jobs," said Fowler. "In the five years since March 1983, employees have grown by 1,064,000 and the self-employed by 747,000."

"In March this year, there were a further 334,000 people training with employers through YTS (Youth Training Schemes)



and JTS (Job Training Schemes) and, in total, in the last five years there has been a growth of 2,140,000 in the workforce in employment.

Fowler said that the prospects for further reductions in unemployment were good.

US stocks drift lower

Dollar defies banks and soars, gold dips

LONDON, Aug. 22. (Reuters): Central banks poured dollars into the markets today trying to stop a rally by America's currency but it defied their efforts and shot higher.

At one point it rose above 1.92 West German marks, some three pennings up from Friday and around its best since January, 1987. Gold prices were a shade weaker at \$431 an ounce in London.

Funds went into dollars because investors and speculative players think that relatively high US interest rates will have to go up again to dampen inflation in a booming American economy, offering a generous return on many dollar assets.

Speculation

"No-one believes in a falling dollar before a presidential election," added Paul Daeuwtyler of Swiss Bank Corp in Frankfurt, noting speculation that the White House wants America's currency riding high to help Republican Vice-President George Bush win the November vote.

The US Federal Reserve

began to sell dollars as soon as the US market opened and again around midday in New York.

Its sales seemed co-ordinated with open market intervention by the central banks of West Germany, Britain, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Italy, Belgium, Austria and France.

But dealers said the Bank of Japan, which might really frighten speculators, had not joined in.

Action
The bank's action reflected official concern, particularly in Europe, about risks to the global economy in a powerful summer rally by the dollar.

If the dollar goes too high, rising import costs may fuel inflation outside the United States — while higher prices on US exports risk widening America's trade gap.

The dollar ended in London just off its day's best at 1.9185 marks after Friday's 1.8915. The yen suffered less than the mark, closing at 134.17 after 133.40.

Latest from the world's stock markets was that Wall Street failed to hold an early gain in

New York's morning, dipped, then recovered in muted trading. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was barely changed from Friday at 2,015 points. Tokyo had earlier closed slightly down.

In London equities drifted lower in very quiet late afternoon trading after Wall Street staged a somewhat surprising early downturn, dealers said.

"Most people expected Wall Street to open higher today after a tick up in US stocks in Europe so the lower start there prompted us to mark down prices further," one market maker said.

Low
Volume was a very low 167 mln shares by 1400 GMT. At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 stood 13.7 points lower at 1,830.6, down from the day's high of 1,840.6 touched at the opening.

Dealers said that nervousness ahead of Thursday's UK July balance of payments data made for the low volume.

There was little in the way of fresh corporate news today but Irish Distillers, up 2p at 326, did reject a 250 mln Irish pound bid from Grand Metropolitan subsidiary GC and C Brands.

Grand Met, down 5p at 509, took control of GC and C from Allied-Lyons and Guinness after a combined bid for Irish Distillers from the three UK based drinks groups was blocked by the European Commission.

Consolidated Goldfields stood out with a 15p fall to 1,010 on profit-taking after strong speculative gains last week.

Licensed exchange companies facing tough competition

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much lower rate, a group of reputable, big dealers have resorted to selling a basket of Asian currencies — Indian, Pakistani and Sri Lankan rupee and Bangladeshi taka — at a uniform rate.

They contend: "To survive we must play safe."

Survive
"We are facing stiff competition because some dealers are willing to sell at marginal profits," said one dealer. He feels that if the trend of "free competition" continues there is the danger of some companies going bust.

"To survive in a market, we need a certain amount of profit to avoid a degree of risk," says one exchange dealer.

"The counter rate of currencies is more or less the same. The game starts after quoting (the rate) has finished in the morning," says another.

All dealers interviewed by the Arab Times wish to remain anonymous for reasons best known to themselves.

Previously, expatriates sending remittances back home would "look for the best rate of exchange." Today, they look for "incentives."

The operative words among reputable dealers are "trust,

reliability and service." What they don't tell or admit candidly, is that some ignore commission for issuing drafts to "attract a regular customer."

If we don't agree to waive the charge of the draft someone else will, says a frustrated dealer, who has at least two branches in Kuwait. To keep in the business, he claims, they sometimes waive the 400 fils commission, offer "competitive rates" (rates lower than other competitors), which depends on the amount a client is remitting. Customers also search for a dealer who takes the "lowest commission."

Afford
In the last three-and-a-half years, it has become a "buyers market," says one dealer ruefully. "If someone is remitting over KD 1,000 he can afford to pay 400 fils to us; but some don't want to," he adds.

The commission rate started at around 250 fils (one bank still charges that) and has stabilised at 400 fils. "Market forces have pushed the rates down," explained one dealer.

Such practices double the risk in an already unstable currency market, which is sensitive to every socio-political change.

Operating in a "climate of uncertainty" some exchange companies act as unofficial representatives of foreign banks,

contravening Article 3 of the 1984 ministerial ordinance. The article clearly states that "money exchange companies shall not be permitted to represent foreign banks or banking institutions in (the state of) Kuwait or carry out banking activities in favour of these banks."

Deposits
Though exchange companies don't accept cash deposits, they provide all facilities to open a non-resident account in an individual's country of origin — India, Pakistan or Bangladesh. Anyone can open an account or deposit money through the services provided by these companies.

Though dealers clamour for "regulating the money market" no one seems to offer any concrete suggestions. Some desire regulated "opening and closing hours of business," some sort of restriction on business hours and days; others seek more Central Bank control over exchange rates while others feel that the bank's existing regulatory supervision "is effective and covers" their interests.

In the interests of the public, there seems to be a need to weed out malpractices by all unlicensed exchange companies, who don't guarantee the safety of funds entrusted to them by gullible customers.

Japanese major firms seek lucrative contracts in the Gulf

TOKYO, Aug. 22. (KUNA): Japan's giant companies are already vying to capture a chunk of the lucrative contracts in the Gulf region as Iran and Iraq plan to spend billions of dollars to rebuild their war-torn economies, industrial sources said here today.

The Tokyo government is also considering an aid programme to help the Gulf war belligerents, officials said.

The government wants the aid to be channelled through the United Nations, which will send a special team to Iran and Iraq to co-ordinate the aid, officials said.

The ceasefire between Iran and Iraq which went into effect on Saturday after eight years of war, was almost certain to trigger an economic boom in the Gulf region as the oil exporting belligerents and their neighbours seek to overcome the economic havoc wreaked by the war.

The economic aid is meant to help strengthen stability in the Gulf region and ensure Japan to uninterrupted oil supplies from the Gulf countries, officials said.

However, the Japanese finan-

cial assistance is not expected to take the form of yen-denominated loans since both Iraq and Iran get hard currencies from their oil exports.

Nevertheless, the Tokyo government may still go ahead with a planned \$160-million loan to Iraq as part of an earlier agreement, the officials said.

The government is also expected to examine requests from Iran and Iraq for medical and educational supplies, they added.

Meanwhile, Japanese companies operating in the Gulf on Sunday unveiled an aggressive drive into the region by increasing their personnel in Iran and Iraq.

According to the estimates by 'house' firms, the Gulf's war-torn countries will now spend no less than \$150 billion to repair their petrochemical plants, sea ports and other major economic facilities.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

The tenders summarized below are invited by the Central Tenders Committee on behalf of government ministries and other concerned authorities. The relevant documents may be obtained from the office of the Central Tenders Committee during office hours against payment of non-refundable fees as shown therein. Unless otherwise stipulated all relevant offers shall remain valid for a period of 90 days with effect from the closing date.

Tender No. MEW/22/27/88/88
Tender's internal No. 81/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water
Requirements: Supply & installation of two boilers in Al-Faiba Suburb
Relevant fee: KD 20/-
Initial guarantee: 2 1/2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday 27.9.88

This tender is open for tenders qualified in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th categories of airconditioning works.
Tender No. PT/38/88/88
Tender's internal No. 78/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Education
Requirements: Supply of paper for printing dept.
Relevant fee: 2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday 18.9.88

Tender No. MT/9/88
Tender's internal No. 77/88
Concerned party: Petrochemical Industries Co.
Requirements: Supply of stainless steel pipes & joints
Relevant fee: KD 20/-
Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday 9.10.88

Tender No. S 2785
Tender's internal No. 86/88
Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company
Requirements: Supply of seamless steel pipes
Relevant fee: KD 40/-
Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon Sunday 2.10.88

Tender No. D 2794
Tender's internal No. 82/88
Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company
Requirements: Supply of power cables & accessories
Relevant fee: KD 20/-
Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday 2.10.88

Tender No. D 2796
Tender's internal No. 84/88
Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company
Requirements: Supply of centrifugal pumps with diesel/electric drivers
Relevant fee: KD 20/-
Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday 2.10.88

Tender No. D 2796
Tender's internal No. 84/88
Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company
Requirements: Supply of power cables & accessories
Relevant fee: KD 20/-
Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday 2.10.88

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Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday 2.10.88

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Requirements: Supply of 7000 gallon fuel tankers on semi-trailers
Relevant fee: KD 20/-
Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday 16.10.88

Tender No. M/1988/37
Tender's internal No. 88/88
Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company
Requirements: Supply of water tank cars
Relevant fee: KD 30/-
Initial guarantee: 2 1/2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon Tuesday 27.9.88

A pre-tender meeting shall be held on 5.9.88 at 9.00 a.m. in Ahmadi Community Centre to discuss tender conditions and specifications.
The tender is open for competent contractors.
Tender No. M/1988/38
Tender's internal No. 83/88
Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company
Requirements: Supply & installation of gas measurement appliances in Boosting Station No. 130
Relevant fee: KD 20/-
Initial guarantee: 2 1/2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon Sunday 25.9.88

A pre-tender meeting shall be held on 5.9.88 at 9.00 a.m. in Al-Ahmadiah Community Centre to visit the site and discuss the tender conditions and specifications.
The tender is open for competent contractors.
Tender No. MEW/22/27/88/88
Tender's internal No. 81/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Electricity & Water
Requirements: Installation of brackish & fresh water ductile nets in Khaita, Plot No. 2
Relevant fee: KD 50/-
Initial guarantee: 2 1/2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon Tuesday 20.9.88

Qualified Tenderers:
1. M. A. Abdul Mohsen Al Khuraifi (Conco)
2. Consolidated Contractors Co. (Conco)
3. United Gulf Construction Co.
4. M. A. Abdul Mohsen Al Khuraifi (Conco)
5. Al Hamra Kuwait Co.
6. Al Ahmadiyah Contg. & Trdg. Co.
7. Al Al Sayegh Contg. Co.
8. General Syndicate Contg. Co.
9. Al Hani Construction & Trdg. Est.
Tender No. MEW/22/27/88/88
Tender's internal No. 81/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Electricity & Water
Requirements: Construction of brackish water pipeline (500 mm) to meet production companies in Sulabiya.
Relevant fee: KD 50/-
Initial guarantee: 2 1/2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon Sunday 19.9.88

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SENIOR TIMES

Dear Junior Readers,

I've written before on the subject of being glad and grateful for what we have in life. There are, however, some people who celebrate a good fortune with pride, selfishness and unkindness. They boast about what they have, but would never think of sharing it with others and are cruel and hard-hearted with people who are in a weaker position than them.

It is important to balance being happy and thankful with a feeling of sympathy for those who are without. In whatever ways others are not lucky as you, it is necessary to try to understand how they feel — they certainly do not need reminding that they do not come from a family with money or that they have physical problems.

Being lucky is not an excuse for a big head and thinking you are better than others. Remember too, that luck can change and a time may come when you yourself are in a less fortunate situation.

Mila Jayne

Happy Birthday

Pratima Vijayaratham celebrated her 9th birthday 22nd August. Best wishes and love come to you from the ship-load, Pratima, Mum, Dad, relatives and friends.

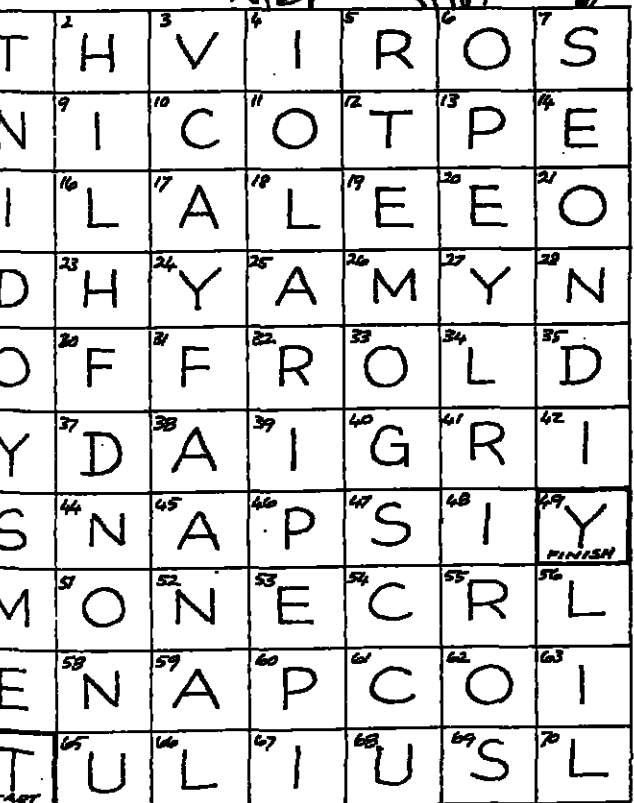


General knowledge quiz

1. In knitting there are two basic stitches. Plain is one of them, what is the other?
2. Dorset Blue Vinny and Double Gloucester are varieties of the same thing. What are they?
3. What do your olfactory organs help you to do?
4. What would you expect to find in a sacrophagus?
5. What do the rings on the Olympic Games flag represent?
6. What country ruled the Ottoman Empire?
7. A famous Russian newspaper is known as Pravda. What does 'pravda' mean?
8. What is meant by the Latin phrase quod erat demonstrandum, and in what circumstances is it used today?
9. In special circumstances in the days of Ancient Rome a Latin phrase Morituri te salutant! was shouted by a group of people. What is the meaning of the phrase, and what were the special circumstances?
10. What name is given to the stone that provided the key to the language of ancient Egypt?
11. What is the London borough that has given its name to the prime meridian of the world?
12. Who was the Greek woman poet that Plato called the Tenth Muse?
13. What is the equation relating mass and energy that is derived from Einstein's theory of relativity?
14. What name do we give to the atomic particle which has a positive electrical charge?
15. What is the radioactive isotope that can be found in the fall-out from some nuclear bombs and which destroys the tissues that make blood?

Solution on Thursday.

Garden Flower Trail



Start at number 64 and go from square to square to spell out twelve of the flowers. Use each square only once and move up, down or across.

Truly amazing!

- The screwdriver was invented before the screw. It was originally used to extract bent nails.
- Fred Astaire's legs were insured for \$650,000.
- One of the wettest places on earth is in Hawaii, where the rainfall averages 471.68 inches.
- More tea is drunk in the Republic of Ireland per person than any other country.
- Bricks are the oldest construction materials manufactured by man and were used in Egypt 7000 years ago.
- Einstein did not believe in the use of shaving soap, and only shaved with warm water.
- The plot for 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde' came to Robert Louis Stevenson in a nightmare.
- The female angler fish carries her tiny 'husband' attached to her underside.

By C. Etherington

"THERE is no call for wizards nowadays," said the clerk behind the counter at the Job Centre. "What with the rising cost of living, people just can't afford those sort of services."

"But we are highly qualified magicians!" protested Wizard High and Mighty.

"People think it's cheaper to buy a do-it-yourself spell book," replied the clerk. "And a terrible mess they make too. Did you hear about that girl who tried to bathe her dog and conjured up five hundred walking bath tubs with tails?" He roared with laughter. "The authors of those spell books have obviously never lifted a wand in their lives." The clerk almost toppled off his stool laughing at his own joke. "Wand... finger... oh, never mind!"

Wizard Clever Clogs' long pointed hat began to curl in anger. "I wrote those spell books," he thundered. "What can you expect if people are too ignorant to follow simple instructions?"

Wizard Wise just smiled knowingly.

"The only thing I can offer you is a temporary position in the Cleansing Department," said the clerk, burying his head in the files.

"Cleansing Department? Cleansing? What do you mean?" questioned a suspicious Wizard High and Mighty.

"Dustbins, actually." "Dustbins!" gasped Wizard Clever Clogs, nearly choking on his long moustache.

"Wizards do not touch other people's rubbish," exploded Wizard High and Mighty.

"We'll take it," said

Wizard Wise, pushing his two dumb-founded friends out of the door before they could answer.

"Eight o'clock on Monday morning," shouted the clerk as they disappeared down the street.

The following Monday at the Cleansing Department the three wizards were given nice, clean overalls and put in charge of No. 101, and old, grey dustcart which looked very sorry for itself.

"I don't know why you said we'd do it," grumbled Wizard High and Mighty.

"We needed the job," replied Wizard Wise. "Besides, it should be very interesting and I'm sure we will learn a lot."

"What's interesting about being a dust-wizard?" complained Wizard Clever Clogs. "I won't learn anything from a job like this."

101 rumbled along the first street. Wizard Clever Clogs was driving while Wizard Wise and Wizard High and Mighty brought out the dustbins and emptied them into 101.

"Oh! My back!" moaned Wizard High and Mighty after the first dustbin. He clutched his back and hobbled to the nearest wall to sit down.

Wizard Wise continued emptying the heavy dustbins and had soon got halfway up the street. Each time he glanced back, Wizard High and Mighty doubled himself in two and started groaning: "My back, ooh, my back!"

Meanwhile Wizard Clever Clogs was glaring at 101, which had come to a halt in the middle of the road. The big metal rollers that crunched the rubbish had stopped turning and there was a huge pile of refuse in the back of the machine. Wizard Clever Clogs peered in to see what

was wrong.

"Oh, what a terrible smell!" he snorted, pulling his long pointed hat down over his nose. "I'm not putting up with this a minute longer."

He muttered a spell and a gleaming new dust cart appeared, merrily crunching away at the rubbish. The rollers moved so quickly that they snapped off Wizard Clever Clogs' hat and almost took off his nose before he could jump back.

Wizard Wise was now at the end of the road, so Wizard High and Mighty hopped onto the back of 101, and Wizard Clever Clogs drove them smoothly along to meet him. 101 purred with pleasure.

"I have just had another brilliant idea," said

Rubbish



Wizard Clever Clogs, jumping down from the cab. "It would be much easier if we collected the dustbins in one place so that we could empty them all at once, instead of taking the cart to the dustbins."

"Yes, we could be home by lunchtime," added Wizard High and Mighty happily. "I'm exhausted."

"We are dustmen now, not wizards," protested Wizard Wise. "It wouldn't be right to use magic to get the job done in half the time."

"No one will know, and besides, my spells never go wrong," boasted Wizard Clever Clogs.

Before his friend could say another word they were surrounded by dustbins. The sky was full of them coming from all over the town, and soon there

was no room to move in the street. The children were peering from the windows, enjoying the fun. Wizard Wise began to worry, but Wizard High and Mighty paraded up and down the pavement, displaying his fine cloak and feeling very proud of his friend's magic.

"Now to empty them," shouted Wizard Clever Clogs. He chanted the spell and the bins began emptying themselves.

But when they looked into 101 there was nothing there.

"Where has the rubbish gone?" asked Wizard High and Mighty, peering into the dustbins, which were also empty.

"We always take the lids off to help the dustmen," called John, the little boy leaning out of No. 7.

"How was I to know that?" complained Wizard Clever Clogs. "Wizards have no need for dustbins."

"That means the rubbish has dropped all over town," said Wizard Wise. "I knew no good would come of this." He chanted a spell and sent the dustbins back with a flick of his wand.

"Now we have twice as much work to do," moaned Wizard High and Mighty.

"You have," replied Wizard Wise with a grin. "I am driving." And he was at the wheel of 101 before the others could say a word.

Wizard Clever Clogs and Wizard High and Mighty began collecting the rubbish. There were old boots sticking out of chimneys, hot water bottles in trees, and the cats were chasing sardine tins that had got caught on the end of their tails. The children were using springy mattresses as trampolines and were having a

marvellous time. Only the two wizards were grumbling.

"I have never worked so hard in my life," gasped Wizard High and Mighty, wiping his black coal over his even blacker face.

"I didn't know dustbins could be so heavy," complained Wizard Clever Clogs.

"Now you see that things are not quite so easy when you're not a wizard," said Wizard Wise from the cab of 101.

Wizard Clever Clogs and Wizard High and Mighty went backwards and forwards, along paths, up and down steps. Their arms got heavier, their hands colder and their legs stiffer and stiffer.

"What's the matter with me?" asked Wizard High and Mighty when he couldn't lift the last dustbin.

"What's wrong with me?" said Wizard Clever Clogs when he went into the same house twice.

"You are tired," shouted Wizard Wise.

"I have always used my wand," said Wizard High and Mighty.

Wizard Wise led the way home, his two friends hobbling and groaning behind him, but feeling quite proud of what they could do with their own two hands.

"As soon as I get home, I shall re-write my do-it-yourself spell book," said Wizard Clever Clogs. "I shall include all the things I have learnt today, so that life will be much easier for everyone."

"And I shall help them when they get into difficulty," laughed Wizard High and Mighty.

Instead of saying "I told you so," Wizard Wise nodded and smiled and said: "Rubbish really isn't rubbish at all."

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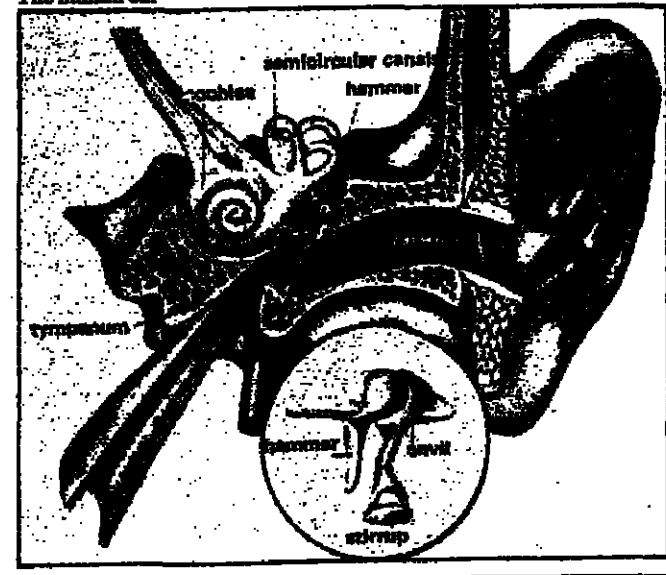
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The human ear

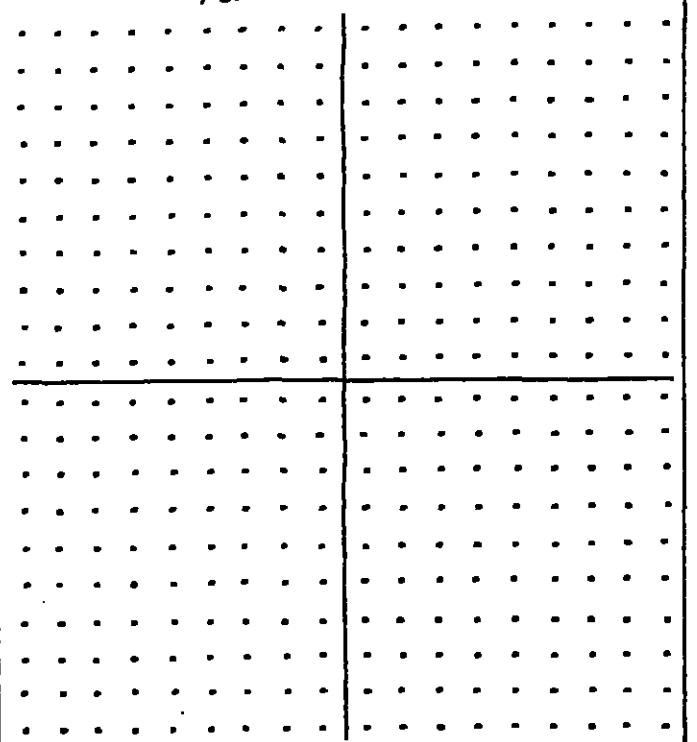


us to keep our balance and to stand upright. The sound is finally transmitted to the brain by means of the acoustic nerve.

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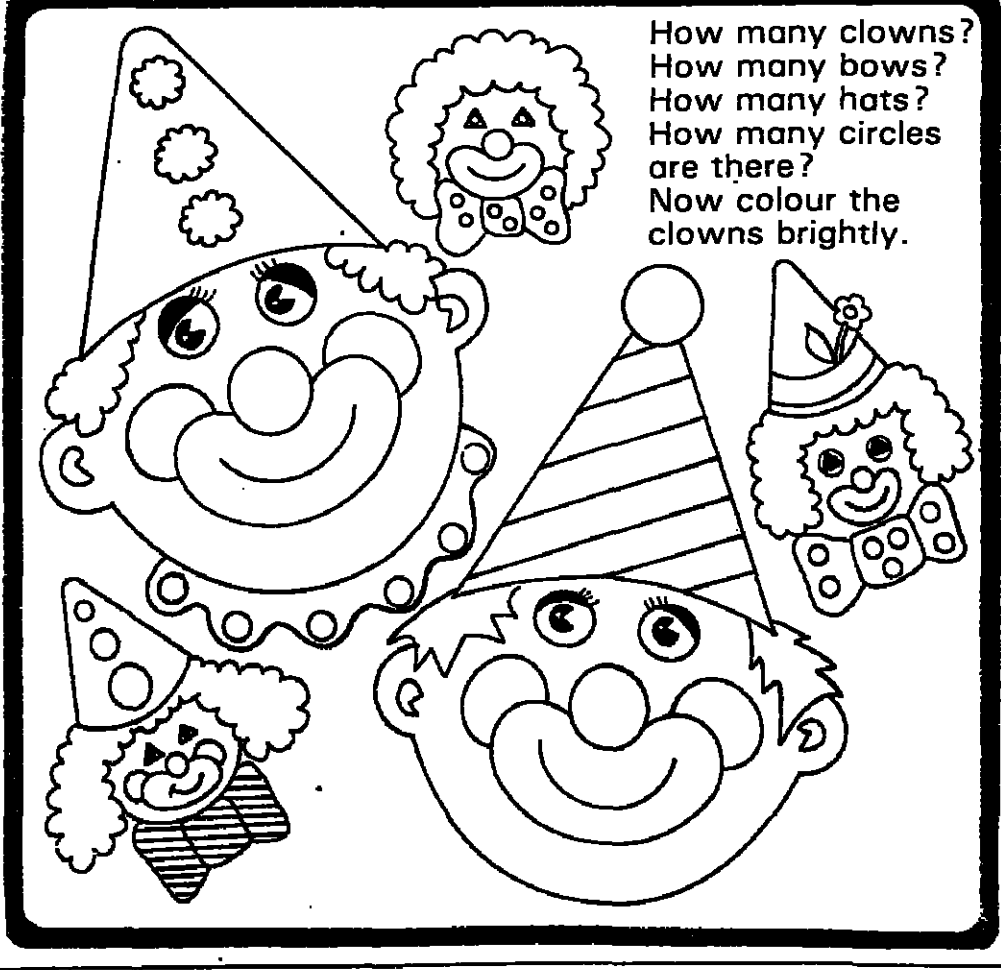
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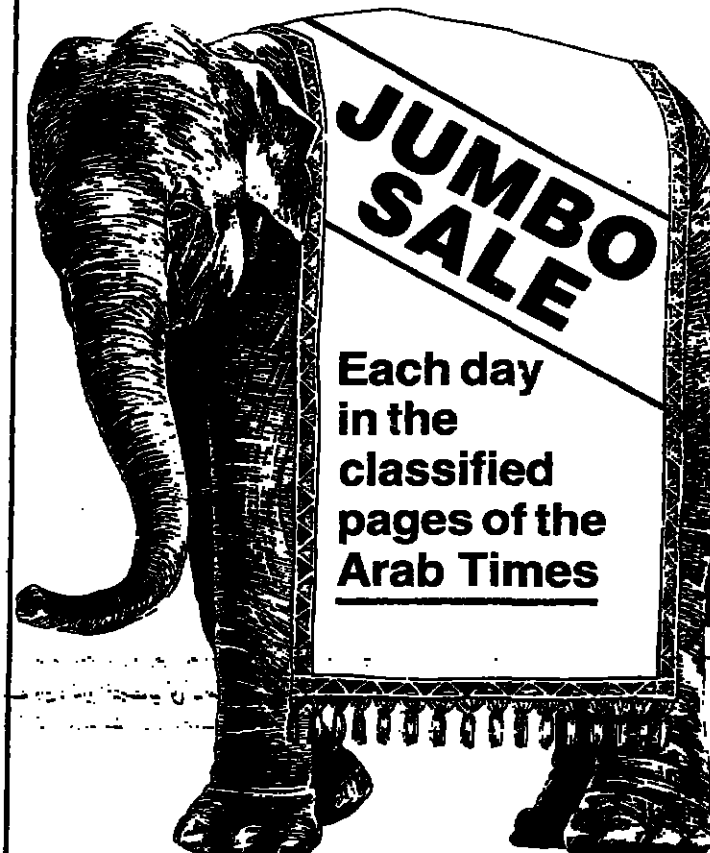
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BASEBALL

Lampaging
Tigers maul
White Sox

NEW YORK, Aug. 22, (AP)—Rick Morris is pitching easy and making it hard for anyone to catch the Detroit Tigers in the American League East.

Morris, struggling for most of the season, threw a two-hitter for a 21st career shutout, leading the Tigers to a 5-0 victory over the Chicago White Sox yesterday.

"That's his best game this year. He threw all the pitches he wanted to," manager Sparky Anderson said after Detroit completed a four-game sweep at Tiger Stadium. The Tigers extended their lead to four games over Boston and six over New York.

Morris, 11-12, won for the third time in four decisions. He struck out eight, including the decisive one in the ninth inning, and walked none.

Control
"My mechanics got better. I wasn't jumping around as much, almost became easy. My body was in control," Morris said.

In Boston, Mark McGwire led the score with his 25th homer and Luis Polonia singled home the tie-breaking run as Oakland allied in the eighth inning to win 4-1 at Boston. The Athletics topped a three-game losing streak and took the finale in a three-game series.

The Mariners' Scott Bankhead gave up five singles in Seattle's 4-2 victory in seven innings at Yankee Stadium as Seattle sent New York to its third straight loss. The Yankees lost for the 11th time in 13 games and fell six behind Detroit, their biggest deficit of the season. The Mariners won three times in the four-game series at Yankee Stadium.

Kent Hrbek's two-run double parked a six-run first inning and Bert Blyleven won his 253rd game as Minnesota beat Texas 12-2.

In Toronto, Ernie Whit hit a three-run double and Jesse Barfield homered during a seven-run third inning that carried the Blue Jays to an 8-4 victory over Milwaukee. Jimmy Key, 8-3, allowed two runs on six hits in eight innings. It was just the second time in six starts that Key has survived the fifth inning.

In Cleveland, Mark Gubicza won his career-high 15th game and Kansas City scored twice on balks in their 3-1 victory over the Indians.

California's Willie Fraser pitched seven strong innings and Jack Howell hit an RBI double as the Angels stopped Baltimore's three-game winning streak, 3-2.

Finished
Fraser, 10-10, won his fourth straight decision. He gave up one run on four hits. Sherman Corbett finished for his first Major League save, allowing three hits.

Tim Lincecum and Los Angeles Dodgers are putting together two rather surprising comebacks this season.

Leary, 14-8, pitched a six-hitter and struck out a career-high 12 batters as Los Angeles beat Montreal 4-0 to sweep a three-game series against the Expos and win their seventh straight game.

The victory kept the Dodgers 5 1/2 games ahead of Houston and San Francisco in the National League West. Last season, fourth-place Los Angeles finished 17 games behind the Giants.

Leary, who was 3-11 in 1987 or the Dodgers, has found his fastball again and is also winning games with his bat.

He went 1-for-3 against the Expos and scored the winning run. He is batting .315 (17-for-4) for the season with nine runs added in, and also has three home runs, including one as a pinch-hitter.

"The biggest key all year is not talking people," said Leary, who was walked 39 in 186 innings. "I get ahead with my fastball and get them swinging earlier in the count. I've got good speed with my split-fingered fastball. I can locate my fastball, and that's like having two or three pitches right there."

Shutouts
Leary, the New York Mets' No. 1 pick in the June 1979 draft, now leads the NL with six shutouts.

"The last few outings I was as good as I was concerned," Leary said. "I felt strong and I tried to go as hard as I could as I could. I knew the bullpen was fresh."

It was the second straight series sweep for the Dodgers, 9-1 their current homestand.

Results			
National League			
Atlanta	7	Chicago	0
Louis	1	Cincinnati	1
Angels	4	Montreal	0
San Francisco	6	Philadelphia	3
Pittsburgh	2	Pittsburgh	3
Diego	1	New York	0
American League			
Seattle	4	New York	2
Jornia	3	Baltimore	0
Los Angeles	5	Chicago	0
San Diego	3	Cleveland	1
San Francisco	8	Milwaukee	4
St. Louis	5	Boston	2
Seattle	12	Texas	2

WORLD NO. 5 WINS CANADIAN OPEN

Sabatini routs Zvereva



Sabatini shows her joy at winning the title. (Reuter wirephoto)

MONTREAL, Aug. 22, (Reuter)—Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina won a battle of teenage sensations yesterday, beating Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union 6-1 6-2 in the final of the Canadian Open women's tennis tournament.

Sabatini, 18, needed an hour and seven minutes to complete the victory, her third of the year on tour, and win some \$65,000. She became the youngest winner in the history of this nine-year-old event. American Tracy Austin was six months older, at 18 years and eight months, when she won here in 1981.

Fell
The final was a showcase for the circuit's rising stars when the old guard of Martina Navratilova, Chris Evert and Pam Shriver, the top seeds in the event, fell to the youth movement. The 17-year-old Zvereva especially had the role of giant killer, with victories over Navratilova and Shriver.

That left Sabatini, the fourth seed and fifth in the world in computer rankings, to confront the Russian, seeded sixth and ranked eighth, for the second time in her career.

Sabatini won their first meeting, over three sets in the fourth round at Wimbledon last year, but she was far more dominant in the chilly breezes of sun-bathed Jarry stadium.

Sabatini took command in the second game of the opening set, when she recorded her first service break.

The Argentine, who excels from the baseline with powerful, topspin groundstrokes, challenged Zvereva with a crackling forehand before using an overhead smash for the winning point.

Sabatini also went to the net when she had to, gently guiding a shot just over the tape to win a point in the third game. But she returned to the overhead for a later point, keeping the Soviet player guessing.

The rattled Zvereva had her serve broken again in the fourth game, losing when her backhand caught the net at 15-40. Zvereva did not enjoy a lead while holding service until the sixth game of the first set, the only game she won in the 31 minutes of play.

Trilled

Sabatini broke Zvereva's serve in the opening game of the second set. The Russian trailed 2-1 in the fourth game and allowed five breakpoints to slip from her grasp.

Sabatini then broke her opponent at love in the next game and followed by holding service at love. Her string of 11 points in a row ended in the seventh game, won by Zvereva.

Woosnam wins Irish Open

DUBLIN, Ireland, Aug. 22, (AP)—Ian Woosnam rolled to a comfortable seven-stroke victory yesterday at the \$408,000 Carrolls Irish Open golf championship at Portlarnock.

It was not as easy as last year's ten-stroke victory by West German Bernhard Langer, but the 30-year-old Welshman took a one-shot lead into the final round and played superbly to widen the gap.

Tied
Woosnam claimed a first prize worth \$65,000 with help from a two-under-par 70, his third of the tournament.

It gave him a ten-under-par 278 total and victory over four players who tied at 285 for second — former Open champion Nick Faldo of England, Spaniards Jose-Mane Olazabal and Manuel Pinero and Irishman Des Smyth.

The runners-up each claimed a share of \$27,000 in prize money. It was the fifth time this season that Faldo has finished second.

four times in Europe and once when he lost to American Curtis Strange in the US Open.

Woosnam relished the cool and windy conditions after scorching heat that led him to withdraw from last week's United States PGA tournament in Oklahoma.

Last year, he won eight tournaments on his way to winning more than £1 million (\$1.8 million) but the early part of this year was fraught with problems after a change of clubs. Five times out of six he failed to play all four rounds in American tournaments.

Although he won the PGA Championship in May he said he needed this second victory of the season to bring back all the confidence of old.

"I am still not as good as I was last year when I could have walked across water," Woosnam said. "But if I have another streak like I did in 1987 and win a couple more big tournaments then I could still finish No. 1 again."

That would entitle the Welshman to play in America again in 1989 but he said he would only want to take up such an option if he was playing well.

Woosnam stumbled with an out-of-character start to his final round, chipping into a bunker from only a few yards at the first and then three-putting the third, dropping a shot both times.

That seemed to open the door to his rivals but he was inspired after ripping a three-iron against the cross wind into the middle of the fourth green, narrowly missing his birdie putt.

Reach
But he holed 15-footers to pick up shots with birdies at the next two holes, putting him out of reach of everyone but Faldo.

"The Englishman, the most consistent performer in the world's four majors this year, birdied the eighth and ninth to close within two shots of Woosnam but an inward half of 39 dropped him back into the pack.

Moody holds on for one-shot victory

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan, Aug. 22, (AP)—Orville Moody opened a 3-shot lead midway through the final round yesterday and then held on for a one-shot victory in the \$250,000 Greater Grand Rapids Open.

Moody finished at 10-under-par 203, one stroke ahead of three players — Chi Chi Rodriguez, Gary Player and Chick Evans.

Group of five players — led by Dave Hill — were in at 8-under 205. The rest of group was Harold Henning, Bruce Devlin, J.C. Goosie and Jim Hatfield.

Defending champion Billy Casper finished at 7-under 206.

Moody, who collected \$37,500 for his victory, recorded his fourth tournament victory of the season and his ninth senior tour title overall.

Sindelar sets record on way to PGA tourney win

CASTLE ROCK, Colo., Aug. 22, (Reuter)—American Joey Sindelar set a tournament record as he won the third annual \$1.1 million PGA International golf tournament yesterday.

Sindelar shot an eight-under-par 64, accumulating a record 17 points in this event that uses the modified Stableford scoring system. All golfers on the final day were American.

Bogeys
Dan Pohl, with a double bogey at the final hole, and Steve Pate tied for second place with 13 points. Mark Wiebe was fourth with 12 and Chip Beck had 11.

Five points are awarded for eagles, two for birdies, zero for pars, minus one for bogeys and minus three for double bogey or worse.

Sindelar collected \$180,000 for his second victory of the year and the fifth of his five-year tour career.

He now is the leading money winner with \$672,212 for the year.

Beck dropped back into second place at \$659,662 after collecting \$40,000. Sandy Lyle of Britain, who did not play here, is third with \$617,334.

Sindelar birdied four of the first eight holes — for eight points — and bogeyed the ninth, leaving him at plus seven at the turn.

He then birdied three in a row starting at the 10th, and then added birdies at the 14th and 17 holes to assure the victory.

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GOLF

Indker rallies to edge past Daniel

SOMERS PT., N.J., Aug. 22, (Reuter)—American Juli Indker, came from 10 shots behind compatriot Beth Daniel with 14 holes to go, forced a playoff and won the \$225,000 Atlantic City LPGA Golf Classic yesterday.

On the first sudden-death hole, they both hit drives to the right. Indker played an excellent five-iron from under the trees to the back fringe.

But Daniel did not have a shot and had to punch out of the rough to about 90 yards off the green. Her third shot was short and she chipped to one foot for a bogey.

Indker chipped to about two feet and made her putt for par to win the \$33,750 first-place prize and her second victory of the season. It also was the 10th title of her career.

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Wilander swings at the ball during his match. (Reuter wirephoto)

Wilander fights back to edge past Edberg

CINCINNATI, Aug. 22, (Reuter)—Mats Wilander came very close to defeat but staged a gutsy comeback to defeat fellow Swede Stefan Edberg 3-6 7-6 (7-5) 7-6 (7-5) and win the final of the ATP Men's Tennis Championship yesterday.

Edberg, seeded first, played some of his best tennis to win the first set 6-3. He continued to dominate the match, breaking second seed Wilander's service twice in the second set to lead 3-0.

Edberg was serving very well and covered the net almost perfectly, not allowing Wilander to pass him. In the first set, he only lost five points on his service games.

Gained
But Edberg double-faulted on the first point of the fourth game, and from then on, Wilander gained some steam and began returning Edberg's serves much better.

Wilander broke Edberg to get back to 1-3. Then Edberg, serving for the match at 5-4, served and volleyed into the net to lose the game from 15.

Wilander was back into the match, going on to win the tiebreak 7-5, as Edberg hit a forehand crosscourt wide.

In the third set, both players served well to force a final tiebreaker.

Wilander broke first for a 3-1 lead and again to go up 6-2, with a beautiful return at Edberg's feet.

Edberg saved the first match point with an ace, after some help from Wilander's two unforced errors.

At 6-5, Edberg hit a second serve to Wilander's backhand, and the French Open champion hit a return down the line to win his fourth ATP championships.

"I played a couple of loose points when I was up 3-0 in the second set, and suddenly he was back into the match," Edberg said. "I'm very disappointed to have lost, as I was so much in control, but the quality of tennis that I have played is very encouraging when I think of the US Open. We both played very well."

Wilander said he thought "helping" so far behind early "helped me because he sort of relaxed a little bit, and so did I. But the result was I suddenly went more for my shots. When he served for the match at 5-4 in the second, I knew I had a good chance to break again."

Johnson returns home to rethink Olympic plans

COLOGNE, West Germany, Aug. 22, (Reuter)—World record holder Ben Johnson, his hopes of winning the Olympic 100 metres gold medal shattered by two defeats in five days, returned home to Canada today to rethink his plans for Seoul.

"I've got four weeks, I've got to sit down and think and plan," Johnson said after finishing a humiliating third in the 100 metres at yesterday's Cologne Athletics Grand Prix.

Scrapped
Johnson had intended to compete in the Grand Prix finale in West Berlin on Friday, but he scrapped those plans. "We're out of here," his coach George Francis confirmed, shaking his head in frustration at his charge's poor form.

Johnson admitted that his recent schedule after coming back from injury had not given him the same amount of time to recover between races as in 1987 when he smashed the world record at the World Championships in Rome.

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Feyenoord hold PSV in season opener

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 22, (Reuter)—The tense and dramatic match between a revamped Feyenoord Rotterdam and European Cup holders PSV Eindhoven gave the Dutch soccer season an exhilarating start yesterday.

A spectacular last-minute goal by international midfielder Gerald Vanenburg enabled the Dutch champions to snatch a 2-2 draw after Feyenoord, fielding seven new players after a disastrous last season, led 2-0 at half time.

Praise
"An opening match to dream of," said De Telegraaf newspaper. Most praise was for Australian striker Dave Mitchell, whose powerful individual play gained him both of Feyenoord's goals.

But while most newspapers said Feyenoord looked able to genuinely challenge PSV after failing to qualify for European football last season for the first time in 10 years, De Volkskrant daily was more sceptical.

Noting the average age of the new-look team was 28, it said: "One must be sceptical that these ageing players can continue to perform at such a high pace... it is a meagre consolation that this



Aldridge (right) prepares to avoid a tackle by Wimbledon's Eric Young during the Charity Shield match.

Feyenoord was spared European football this season.

About Ajax Amsterdam's 2-1 defeat by Fortuna Sittard, De Volkskrant said: "Ajax's days of glory belong to the past... there

are simply no stars on the present side."

No one could accuse Tomislav Ivic, Yugoslav trainer of French First Division leaders Paris Saint-Germain, of getting carried away by his team's success.

Their 1-0 win at Toulon was their sixth in seven games and put them two points clear at the top of the table with a game in hand.

That is in sharp contrast to last season when they struggled to avoid relegation but Ivic is playing down their aspirations.

"We are not in the position we should be," he said. "Other clubs like Monaco or Bordeaux are the stuff of champions. Our ambition is still the same as it was before the season started — to finish in the middle of the table, between 7th and 10th."

Now working in his sixth country, Ivic took Porto to a League and Cup double in Portugal last season. He has already worked miracles on a Paris Saint-Germain defence which let in 45 goals last season. It has conceded only one so far this time.

In West Germany, VfB Stuttgart's impressive 4-0 victory over newly-promoted local rivals Stuttgart Kickers left them the only team with a 100 per cent

record in the First Division and underlined their championship hopes.

"Seeing how aggressively my players went to work, I stopped worrying after just 15 minutes," trainer Arie Haan said afterwards. "I have a team that's going to be in the running at the top."

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Test all-rounder

LONDON, Aug 22, (Reuters): England Test all-rounder Phillip DeFreitas, dropped by his county Leicestershire last month for lack of effort, said today he would leave the club at the end of the season.

Mali win

BAMAKO, Aug 22, (Reuters): Mali beat Egypt 2-0 (half-time 0-0) yesterday in the first leg of an African Junior Soccer Championship semifinal.

Irish club

LONDON, Aug 22, (Reuters): Northern Irish soccer club Linfield, banned from using their own ground, will cross the Irish Sea to play the home leg of the UEFA Cup tie against Finland's Turun Palloseura in Wales, the club said yesterday.

W.German athlete

LAGE, West Germany, Aug 22, (Reuters): West German decathlete Juergen Hingsen, Olympic silver medalist in 1984, scraped past the qualification mark for next month's Seoul Games at a non-competitive meeting yesterday.

Coors Classic

BOULDER, Colorado, Aug 22, (AP): Inga Benedict rode her way to the championship of the Coors International Bicycle Classic yesterday, ending three years of frustration at second- and third-place finishes in the race.

Title fight

CAPO D'ORLANDO, Italy, Aug 22, (Reuters): Jose Sanabria of Venezuela retained his International Boxing Federation (IBF) super bantamweight title yesterday after beating Italy's Vincenzo Belcastro on points.

Record holder

CHIETI, Italy, Aug 22, (Reuters): World 200 metres record holder Pietro Mennea still harbours hopes of competing in his fifth Olympics next month despite leg muscles trouble and disappointing comeback attempts.

Speelman triumphs

LONDON, Aug 22, (Reuters): World number five grandmaster Jonathan Speelman won the fourth game of the world chess quarterfinal yesterday to go 3-1 up over fellow Briton Nigel Short with two more games to play.

Olympic champion

PARIS, Aug 22, (Reuters): Olympic pole vault champion Pierre Quinon has decided to go on holiday after missing selection for the Seoul Games.

Bobby Rahal

LONG POND, Pennsylvania, Aug 22, (AP): Bobby Rahal survived the crashed-filled Quaker state 500 Indy-car race yesterday, ending Chevrolet's season-long dominance and taking the series point lead.

Allison triumphs

BROOKLYN, Michigan, Aug 22, (AP): Davey Allison took the lead with 46 miles (74 kilometres) to go and pulled away from Rusty Wallace and Bill Elliott for his first Winston Cup victory of the year yesterday in the championship 400 Nascar Race at Michigan International Speedway.

US lose

AUBURN HILLS, Michigan, Aug 22, (AP): Reggie Miller scored 20 points and Isaiah Thomas had 15 yesterday as an NBA Select team handed the US Olympic finalists their first loss in five games against professional competition, 90-83.

Louganis makes history

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug 22, (Reuters): Olympic double gold medalist Greg Louganis became the first American male diver in history to make four consecutive US Olympic teams as he won the men's 10-metre platform final at the US Olympic trials yesterday. Louganis, 28, accumulated 1,331.19 points. Patrick Jeffrey, 25, was second with 1,261.71 and also qualified for the team. Louganis also won the three-metre springboard title on Saturday.

Never

The top two divers in each event qualify for the team.

Since 1976, Louganis has never finished less than first in any Olympic trials. He was 16 when he made his first US team.

In yesterday's final, Louganis was awarded six 10s and 9.5 on his fourth dive, an inward one-and-one-half somersault pike. He totalled seven 10s in the 10 rounds.

"I'm pretty relieved it's over," Louganis said. "The hard part,

LONDON, Aug 22, (AP): Worcestershire, chasing an unprecedented haul of four trophies, moved to the top of the Refuge Assurance Sunday League with an 18-run victory over Essex at New Road yesterday.

A nine-match unbeaten run now means they need only to avoid defeat by Warwickshire in the last match to retain their Sunday title.

Pacemen Paul Pringle (four for 36) and Neal Radford (three for 29) sent Essex crashing for 161 after they had cruised past

100 with only two wickets down.

Pringle began the slump by having Brian Hardie (47) caught on the boundary and was joined by Radford in causing an Essex nosedive to 136 for seven in ten overs.

Worcestershire's total of 179 for four in a rain-reduced 36-over match was a good effort on an awkward pitch.

Graeme Hick batted with efficiency for 59 off 76 balls and captain Phil Neale directed a late acceleration with an unbeaten 54 off only 47 deliveries.

Three run-outs, including that

of Kim Barnett who returned from hospital after breaking a nose in the field, cost Derbyshire victory at Old Trafford and put Lancashire into second place. Lancashire won by two runs with one ball left but it was all down to their experienced players, David Hughes and Jack Simmons.

Hughes produced two stunning pieces of fielding to dismiss Frank Griffith and then Barnett. Simmons inflicted the crucial blow in the last over by recovering from a mis-field to run out Simon Base as the batsmen attempted a second run.

Derbyshire were left stranded all out for 198 after Michael Holding had put them in charge with a sizzling half-century off 38 balls.

Gloucestershire kept their hopes alive of a play-off place by beating Kent by 80 runs at Moreton-in-Marsh. A decisive stand of 166 for the second wicket in 24 overs by Phil Bainbridge and Tony Wright, who both scored 81, set up Gloucestershire's total of 269 for eight.

Results

At Moreton-in-Marsh: Gloucester-

shire beat Kent by 80 runs. Gloucestershire 269 for eight innings closed (A. Wright 81, P. Bainbridge 81, P. Romaine 42, Kent 189 in 36.1 overs (K. Curran three for 24). Gloucestershire four points.

At Wellingborough: Glamorgan beat Northamptonshire by six wickets. Northamptonshire 171 for eight innings closed (D. Wild 54, P. North three for 20). Glamorgan 172 for four in 37.3 overs (R. Shastri 57 not out, M. Maynard 44). Glamorgan four points.

At Worcester: (restricted to 36-overs-per-side because of rain) Worcestershire beat Essex by 18 runs. Worcestershire 179 for four innings closed (G. Hick 59, P. Neale 54 not out, Essex 161 in 34.3 overs (B. Hardie 47, P. Pringle four for 36, N. Radford three for 29). Worcestershire four points.

At Leicester: Leicestershire beat Somerset on faster scoring rate in rain restricted match (Leicestershire required 142 runs in 30 overs). Somerset 173 for five innings closed (R. Bartlett 50, J. Hardy 40). Leicestershire 143 for eight in 29.5 overs (V. Marks three for 19). Leicestershire four points.

At Old Trafford: Lancashire beat Derbyshire by two runs. Lancashire 300 for seven innings closed (A. Hayhurst 77, I. Austin 41). Derbyshire 198 in 39.5 overs (M. Holding 53, P. Bowler 44). Lancashire four points.

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire beat Surrey on faster scoring rate in rain restricted match (Surrey required 164 in 28 overs). Nottinghamshire 233 for four innings closed (T. Robinson 100, D. Randall 60). Surrey 160 for nine in 28 overs (J. Richards 41, F. Stephenson four for 23, D. Fraser-Darling 3 for 23). Nottinghamshire four points.

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Cantona apologises to national trainer

PARIS, Aug 22, (Reuters): France's most expensive soccer player Eric Cantona apologised today for a vitriolic weekend outburst against national trainer Henri Michel.

Cantona, surprisingly omitted from the 16 selected for Wednesday's friendly with Czechoslovakia in Paris, called Michel "one of the world's most incompetent trainers" in a television interview on Saturday.

He continued his invective by describing Michel as "not far from a bag of shit" and said he would refuse to play for France while the trainer was in charge.

Soviet chess title play-off in doubt

MOSCOW, Aug 22, (Reuters): Soviet chess officials said today a play-off for the Soviet chess title between world champion Garry Kasparov and his arch-rival Anatoly Karpov was unlikely to go ahead as scheduled.

"There will not be a game today," an official of the state sport committee's chess section told Reuters. He said it was unsure whether the four-game match would proceed at all due to Karpov's objections about the arrangements.

The play-off, due to begin on Monday, was scheduled after Kasparov and Karpov tied 11.5-11.5 last week in the Soviet chess championship tournament which began late last month.

Continue

At a news conference on Friday, Karpov said he might refuse to compete because of rules obliging the competitors to continue playing until one of them won a game if the match was drawn.

"It seems that Karpov will not play," another chess official told Reuters. "He is demanding a rest."

Kasparov, who ended Karpov's 10-year reign as world champion in 1985, said on Friday he was prepared to compete and would not insist on the "sudden death" finish if the match was drawn.

Personality clashes have marked the intense Kasparov-Karpov rivalry since the two first met over the chessboard. While they have competed against each other 130 times, the Moscow tournament is their first confrontation for the Soviet title.

IOC chief seeks wild card for Coe

LONDON, Aug 22, (AP): International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch was reported today to be considering a unique "wild card" invitation to double 1,500-metre Olympic champion Sebastian Coe to compete at next month's Games in Seoul.

The apparent move came two days after British track chiefs "politely but firmly" rejected an unprecedented plea by Samaranch to select Coe, who was omitted from the country's Olympic roster after a dismal performance in the national trials.

Samaranch's weekend plea, in which he described Coe as a "great Olympic champion," came in a letter to the British Amateur Athletic Board which, in turn, described the request as extraordinary and said that it could not find room for the middle-distance ace.

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